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Athens, Tenn.

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Sessions of the Holston Conference of the M. E. Church in the "Holston Country."

WESTERN CONFERENCE.

Year	Time	Place	Bishop	Secretary
1800.	October 6...	Bethel Academy, Ky.	Francis Asbury ..	William Burk
1801.	October 1...	Ebenezer, Tenn.	Francis Asbury ..	William Burk
1802.	October 1...	Bethel Academy, Ky.	Francis Asbury ..	William Burk
1803.	October 2...	Mount Gerizim, Ky...	Francis Asbury ..	William Burk
1804.	October 2...	Mount Gerizim, Ky...	Wm. McKendree. { Francis Asbury.	William Burk
1805.	October 2...	Anthony Houston, Ky	{ Rich'd Whatcoat	William Burk
1806.	Sept. 15	Ebenezer, Tenn.	Francis Asbury ..	William Burk
1807.	Sept. 14	Chillicothe, Ohio ...	Francis Asbury .. { Francis Asbury.	William Burk
1808.	October 1...	Liberty Hill, Tenn...	{ W. McKendree. { Francis Asbury.	William Burk
1809.	Sept. 30	Cincinnati, Ohio	{ W. McKendree.	William Burk
1810.	Sept. 6	Shelbyville, Ky	Wm. McKendree.	William Burk
1811.	October 5...	Cincinnati, Ohio	Wm. McKendree.	Learner Blackburn

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.

1812.	Nov. 12	Fountain Head, Tenn	{ Francis Asbury. { W. McKendree.	William B. Elgin
1813.	October 1...	Rees' Chapel, Tenn..	{ Francis Asbury. { W. McKendree.	William B. Elgin
1814.	Sept. 29	Kennerly's, Ky.	{ Francis Asbury. { W. McKendree.	Thos. L. Douglass
1815.	October 20..	Bethlehem, Tenn. ...	{ Francis Asbury. { W. McKendree.	Thos. L. Douglass
1816.	October 23..	Franklin, Tenn.	Wm. McKendree.	Thos. L. Douglass
1817.	October 30..	Franklin, Tenn.	*Thos. L. Douglass. { W. McKendree.	Hardy M. Cryer
1818.	October 1...	Nashville, Tenn.	{ Enoch George.. { W. McKendree.	Charles Holliday
1819.	October 1...	Nashville, Tenn.	{ Enoch George.. { W. McKendree.	Charles Holliday
1820.	October 4...	Hopkinsville, Ky. ...	*Marcus Lindsey.. { W. McKendree.	Charles Holliday
1821.	Nov. 7	Norvell's Camp gro'd	{ Robt. R. Roberts	Thos. L. Douglass
1822.	October 16..	Ebenezer, Tenn.	{ Enoch George ... { W. McKendree.	Thos. L. Douglass
1823.	Nov. 26	Huntsville, Ala.	{ Enoch George.. { W. McKendree.	Thos. L. Douglass

HOLSTON CONFERENCE.

1824.	Nov. 27	Knoxville, Tenn.	Robert R. Roberts { Robt. R. Roberts	John Tevis
1825.	October 20..	Jonesboro, Tenn. ...	{ Joshua Soule ..	Thomas Stringfield
1826.	Nov. 2	Abingdon, Va.	Joshua Soule	Thomas Stringfield
1827.	Nov. 1	Knoxville, Tenn. ...	Robert R. Roberts	Elbert F. Sevier
1828.	Nov. 14	Jonesboro, Tenn.	Joshua Soule	Elbert F. Sevier
1829.	Dec. 24	Abingdon, Va.	Joshua Soule	Elbert F. Sevier
1830.	Nov. 4	Ebenezer, Tenn.	{ W. McKendree. { Joshua Soule ..	Elbert F. Sevier
1831.	Nov. 10	Athens, Tenn.	Elijah Hedding ..	Elbert F. Sevier
1832.	Nov. 15	Evensham, Va.	John Emory	Thomas Stringfield
1833.	October 16..	Kingsport, Tenn. ...	Robert R. Roberts	Lewis S. Marshall
1834.	October 8...	Knoxville, Tenn. ...	*John Henniger ..	Lewis S. Marshall
1835.	October 7...	Abingdon, Va.	James O. Andrew.	Lewis S. Marshall
1836.	October 2...	Madisonville, Tenn...	Thomas A. Morris	Lewis S. Marshall

HOLSTON CONFERENCE, (Continued).

Year	Time	Place	Bishop	Secretary
1837.	October 18..	Reem's Creek, N. C..	James O. Andrew.	Lewis S. Marshall
1838.	Nov. 13	Wittheville, Va.	James O. Andrew	Lewis S. Marshall
1839.	October 13..	Greeneville, Tenn. ...	*Thos. K. Catlett.	David R. McAnally
1840.	Nov. 11	LaFayette, Ga.	Thomas A. Morris	Elbert F. Sevier
1841.	October 6...	Rogersville, Tenn. ...	*Samuel Patton ..	Elbert F. Sevier
1842.	October 5...	Knoxville, Tenn.	Beverly Waugh...	Elbert F. Sevier
1843.	October 4...	Abingdon, Va.	Thomas A. Morris	Elbert F. Sevier
1844.	October 9...	Reem's Creek, N. C..	Edmond S. Janes.	Elbert F. Sevier

Holston Conference Re-organized.

1865.	July 5	Athens	D. W. Clark	John F. Spence
1866.	May 17	Greeneville	D. W. Clark	John F. Spence
1867.	October 3...	Knoxville	C. Kingsley	John F. Spence
1868.	October 8...	Chattanooga	D. W. Clark	John F. Spence
1869.	October 7...	Jonesboro	M. Simpson	John F. Spence
1870.	October 3...	Knoxville	L. Scott	John J. Manker
1871.	October 11..	Greeneville	L. Scott	John J. Manker
1872.	October 2...	Cleveland	S. M. Merrill	John J. Manker
1873.	October 1...	Knoxville	G. Haven	John J. Manker
1874.	Sept. 30	Chattanooga	E. G. Andrews	John J. Manker
1875.	Sept. 29	Greeneville	T. Bowman	John J. Manker
1876.	October 4...	Kingston	L. Scott	John J. Manker
1877.	Sept. 27	Knoxville	W. L. Harris	John J. Manker
1878.	October 2...	New Market	L. Scott	John J. Manker
1879.	October 15..	Knoxville	I. W. Wiley	John J. Manker
1880.	October 20..	Greeneville	E. O. Haven	Jas. D. Roberson
1881.	October 20..	Maryville	E. G. Andrews	Judson S. Hill
1882.	October 19..	Chattanooga	M. Simpson	Judson S. Hill
1883.	October 17..	Knoxville	T. Bowman	Judson S. Hill
1884.	October 16..	Greeneville	H. W. Warren ..	Thos. B. Russell
1885.	October 15..	Johnson City	J. F. Hurst	Thos. B. Russell
1886.	October 21..	Athens	W. F. Mallalien..	Thos. B. Russell
1887.	October 12..	Knoxville	E. G. Andrews ..	Thos. B. Russell
1888.	October 10..	Cleveland	J. N. Fitzgerald..	Thos. B. Russell
1889.	October 9...	Dayton	I. W. Joyce	Thos. B. Russell
1890.	October 8...	Greeneville	J. M. Walden	Thos. B. Russell
1891.	October 21..	Chattanooga	W. X. Ninde	Thos. B. Russell
1892.	October 5...	Morristown	C. D. Foss	Thos. B. Russell
1893.	October 17..	Maryville	S. M. Merrill	Thos. B. Russell
1894.	October 17..	Johnson City	R. S. Foster	Thos. B. Russell
1895.	October 9...	Knoxville	D. A. Goodsell ...	Thos. B. Russell
1896.	Sept. 30	Newport	W. F. Mallalien..	Jas. H. Amis
1897.	Sept. 23.	Athens	E. G. Andrews ...	Jas. H. Amis
1898.	October 13..	Elizabethton	J. H. Vincent	Jas. H. Amis
1899.	October 11..	Cleveland	C. D. Foss	Jas. H. Amis
1900.	October 3...	Chattanooga	D. A. Goodsell ...	Jas. H. Amis
1901.	October 9...	Morristown	J. W. Hamilton..	Jas. H. Amis

*Elders elected to preside in the absence of a Bishop.

In 1844, the great division occurred and, in 1845, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was organized. The Holston Conference passed under the supervision of the new church. But after a lapse of twenty years, the Holston Conference was reorganized, 1865, in Athens, Tenn, under the presidency of Bishop Davis W. Clark.

CONFERENCE ROLL.

NAMES	POSTOFFICES
Amis, J. H.	Athens
Ayers, R. O.	Athens
Bandy, W. S.	Greeneville
Baker, J. A.	Corryton
Baker, J. N.	Fall Branch
Best, J. S.	McKinley
Boling, J. W.	Jasper
Brown, T. W.	Morristown
Bruner, M. C.	Athens
Burk, M. R. M.	Athens
Brackney, W. S.	Cleveland
Burnette, J. S.	Chattanooga
Cadle, A. G.	Newport
Caldwell, L. B.	Chattanooga
Cardwell, J. L.	Igo
Cass, T. A.	Athens
Clendenen, G. W.	Johnson City
Chase, T. G.	Kingston
Coleman, G. W.	Cleveland
Cones, F. M.	Knoxville
Cooke, R. J.	Chattanooga
Cox, G. B.	Keebler's X Roads
Crist, Benj.	Athens
Durham, J. M.	Knoxville
Emert, J. M.	Jellico
Fitzgerald, J. B.	Morristown
Francisco, G. T.	Johnson City
Ferguson, E. C.	Athens
Grant, W. S.	London
Hall, C. M.	Knoxville
Harmon, J. C.	Clinton
Henry, P. H.	Maryville
Hodge, J. C.	Bloomington
Hodge, T. H.	Mountain City
Hooper, W. W.	Athens
Hyden, S. W.	Maryville
Jones, J. S.	Greeneville
Julian, Geo.	Cleveland

NAMES	POSTOFFICES
Ketron, S. G.	Bloomington
Ketron, A. C.	Bloomington
Kinsland, Wm.	Joppa
Lawson, J. D.	Wear's Valley
Little, J. B.	Wellspring
Long, W. R.	Grady
Lowe, S. V.	Sharp's Chapel
Manker, J. J.	Knoxville
Martin, B. M.	Morristown
McGee, J. W.	Bank
McKenzie, H. W.	Rutledge
McKenzie, A. B.	New Salem
McLaughlin, E. H.	Knoxville
Melear, J. M.	Knoxville
Miller, C. W.	Wellspring
Miller, W. C.	Athens
Miller, I. H.	Clinton
Monroe, M. H.	Manila
Newcomb, G. T.	Chattanooga
Ogle, H. B.	Rutledge
Oaks, Hazen	LaFollette
Paul, G. W.	Rockwood
Perry, J. F.	Chatata
Petty, J. S.	Morristown
Peters, A. C.	Burrville
Pile, D. G.	Cleveland
Pitts, W. F.	Knoxville
Reed, P. H.	Gravely
Roberson, J. D.	Chucky City
Robinette, J. J.	Maryville
Rose, A. M.	Maryville
Rowan, G. R.	Greeneville
Ruble, J. A.	Johnson City
Rule, M. A.	Knoxville
Russell, T. B.	Johnson City
Russell, T. H.	Glen Mary
Roe, T. D.	Jonesboro
Seaton, J. B.	Bank

NAMES	POSTOFFICES
Senter, W. T.	Alpha
Saville, W. A.	Knoxville
Spence, J. F.	Knoxville
Snively, A. Y.	Wellspring
Stout, G. M.	Andersonville
Strange, J. S.	Thorn Grove
Simonds, R. A., C. S. H., N. Y.	
Stapleton, R. L.	Newport

NAMES	POSTOFFICES
Scarbrough, P. H.,	Chattanooga
Taber, J. M.	Chattanooga
Walker, T. S.	Whitehorn
Walker, Robert	Dayton
West, T. R.	Athens
Wheeler, W. C. ..	Chattanooga
Wolfe, J. M.	Chattanooga

Probationers.

NAMES	POSTOFFICES
Angel, S. P.	Victoria
Ayers, Earnest R.	Athens
Bales, Geo. S.	Elizabethton
Brown, Asa E.	Pikeville
Lawson, D. T.	Rogersville
Murphy, M. P.	Morgan Spring

NAMES	POSTOFFICES
Murphy, A. J.	Crossville
Omohundro, E. ..	So. Pittsburg
Sanders, John	Daisy
Serl, E. W.	Chattanooga
Taylor, I. G.	Shawanee
Stackhouse, W. A.,	Oliver Sp'g



THE HOLSTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Held in Morristown, Tenn., October 9 to 14, 1901.

Bishop John W. Hamilton, *Presiding*.

J. H. Amis, *Secretary*, Athens, Tenn.

1. Who have been received by transfer, and from what Conferences? Chas. M. Hall, New England Conference; Wm. F. Pitts, Georgia Conference; T. D. Roe, Blue Ridge Conference.

2. Who have been readmitted? None.

3. Who have been received on credentials, and from what Churches? None.

4. Who have been received on trial? (a. In studies of first year.) Earnest R. Ayers, Michael P. Murphy, John Sanders, Willis A. Stackhouse, David T. Lawson, Asa E. Brown. (b. In studies of third year.) Elmer W. Serl.

5. Who have been continued on trial? (a. In studies of first year). None. (b. In studies of second year). Andrew J. Murphy, Thos. Charlesworth, I. G. Taylor, S. P. Angel, Erwin Omohundro, Geo. Bales.

6. Who have been discontinued? Wm. T. Sanders.

7. Who have been admitted into full membership? (a. Elected and ordained deacons this year. James W. Boling, Robert L. Stapleton, Patrick H. Scarbrough. (b. Elected and ordained deacons previously.) Albert C. Ketron.

8. What members are in studies of third year? (a. Admitted into full membership this year.) James W. Boling, Albert C. Ketron, Robert L. Stapleton, Patrick H. Scarbrough.

9. What members are in studies of fourth year? None.

10. What members have completed the conference course of study? (a. Elected and ordained elders this year.) Wm. S. Brackney, John W. Cardwell, Albert B. McKenzie, Sam V. Lowe, Robert Walker, Wm. C. Wheeler, Geo. W. Paul, Wm. F. Pitts.

11. What others have been elected and ordained deacons? (a. As local preachers.) Geo. Bales, Abner H. Gragg, Erwin Omohundro, Wm. C. Rogers and Isaac G. Taylor.

12. What others have been elected and ordained elders? None.

13. Was the character of each preacher examined? This was strictly done as the name of each preacher was called in open conference.

14. Who have been transferred, and to what conferences? J. C. Eckles, Cincinnati Conference; Thos. Charlesworth, Pittsburgh Conference; J. W. Jones, New England Conference; J. J. Henly, Missouri Conference; W. B. Rippetoe, Northwest Indiana Conference.

15. Who have died? None.

16. Who have been located at their own request? Geo. W. Marine.

17. Who have been located? None.

18. Who have withdrawn? None.

19. Who have been permitted to withdraw under charges or complaints? None.

20. Who have been expelled? None.

21. What other personal notation should be made? None.

22. Who are the supernumerary preachers? James B. Seaton, Horatio B. Ogle, Thos. B. Russell, Milton R. M. Burke, Chas. C. Wyatt, Adam C. Peters, P. H. Henry, Geo. R. Rowan.

23. Who are the superannuated preachers? Sam W. Hyden, Geo. Julian, Wm. R. Long, James B. Fitzgerald, Joshua B. Little, Robert O. Ayers, Patrick H. Reed, Thos. H. Russell, Thos. A. Cass, Benj. Crist, J. D. Lawson, J. N. Baker, J. L. Cardwell, J. H. Jennings.

24. Who are the triers of appeals? A. C. Peters, J. J. Robi-
nette, J. C. Harmon, J. W. McGee, M. A. Rule, T. B. Russell,
G. R. Rowan.

25. What is the statistical report for this year? Probation-
ers, 1,625; members, 22,246.

26. What is the aggregate of the benevolent collections or-
dered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference
Treasurer? \$8,767.00.

27. What are the claims on the Conference fund? \$800.00.

28. What has been received on these claims, and how has it
been applied? \$752.00.

29. Where are the preachers stationed? See appointments.

30. Where shall the next Conference be held? Maryville,
Tenn.



HOLSTON CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS, M. E. CHURCH.

ATHENS DISTRICT.

W. C. Miller, Presiding Elder, P. O.
Athens, Tenn.

Athens J. H. Amis
Athens Circuit M. C. Bruner
Chatata J. F. Perry
Cleveland D. G. Pile
Cleveland Circuit ... W. S. Brackney
Decatur ... Supplied by H. M. Hawk
Ducktown

T. R. West and one to be supplied
Ebenezer J. W. Cardwell
Erie ..To be supplied by C. B. Myers
Kingston T. G. Chase
Loudon W. S. Grant
Madisonville M. H. Monroe
Maryville J. J. Robinette
Maryville Circuit A. M. Rose
E. C. Ferguson, W. W. Hooper,
Professors in U. S. Grant Uni-
versity, and members of Athens
Quarterly Conference.

CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.

J. S. Burnett, Presiding Elder, P. O.
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Chattanooga—

Alton ParkTo be supplied
Avondale P. H. Scarbrough
Epworth
..To be supplied by H. M. Torrey
First Church J. M. Taber
Highland Park..... L. B. Caldwell
Hill City W. C. Wheeler
Ridgedale Elmer W. Serl
Sherman Heights, Joseph M. Wolfe
TabernacleTo be supplied
Crossville A. J. Murphy

Daisy John Sanders
Dayton and Vine Grove

..... Robert Walker
Greysville

..To be supplied by J. B. Zeigler
Harriman

...To be supplied by A. C. Koser
Jasper James W. Boling

Morgan Springs M. P. Murphy
Pikeville A. E. Brown

Rockwood and Spring City
..... Geo. W. Paul

South Pittsburg..Erwin Omohundro
Tracy City

...To be supplied by James Hart
Victoria S. P. Angel

G. T. Newcomb, Dean; R. J.
Cooke, Professor in U. S. Grant

University; School of Theology.
Roy A. Simonds left without ap-

pointment to attend one of our
schools.

CLINTON DISTRICT.

I. H. Miller, Presiding Elder, P. O.
Clinton, Tenn.

Andersonville
..... W. L. Oliver

Big Valley S. V. Lowe
Clinton J. C. Harmon

Deer Lodge
..To be supplied by W. L. Norwood

Elk Valley To be supplied
Jamestown

..To be supplied by J. A. Peters
Jellico John M. Emert

Jellico Circuit
..To be supplied by C. L. Poulston

LaFollette Hazen Oaks

Maynardville G. M. Stout
Newcomb

..To be supplied by B. C. Taylor

New River

..To be supplied by A. H. Gragg

Oliver SpringsW. A. Stackhouse

Rutledge H. W. McKenzie

Scarborough

To be supplied by Luther Clark

Shawance I. G. Taylor

Sunbright To be supplied

Tazewell A. Y. Snively

Well SpringC. W. Miller

GREENEVILLE DISTRICT.

G. T. Francisco, Presiding Elder,

P. O. Johnson City, Tenn.

Greeneville, Tenn.

Bloomington J. C. Hodge

Bristol To be supplied

Butler

To be supplied by James Osborn

Chucky CityJ. D. Roberson

Elizabethton George Bales

Fall BranchS. G. Ketron

Johnson City J. A. Ruble

Johnson City Circuit G. W. Clendenen

Greeneville J. S. Jones

Greeneville Circuit W. S. Bandy

Jonesboro T. D. Rowe

Mountain CityT. H. Hodge

OaklandW. R. Byerly

Parrottsville G. B. Cox

Sneedville

To be supplied by S. H. Frazier

RogersvilleD. T. Lawson

Surgoinsville A. C. Ketron

Whitehorn T. S. Walker

Watauga

.....To be supplied by A. Bunn

KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.

J. J. Manker, Presiding Elder, P. O.

Knoxville, Tenn..

Dandridge T.W. Brown

Elm Grove and Jones' Chapel ...

..... M. A. Rule

Fair GardenW. T. Senter

Holston

..To be supplied by Eli Holbert

Knoxville—

Asylum AvenueW. A. Saville

East Main StreetW. F. Pitts

First Church

.....C. M. Hall, J. F. Spence

Lonsdale F. M. Cones

Luttrell StreetJ. M. Melear

Knoxville CircuitJ. A. Baker

Little RiverJ. W. McGee

Morristown B. M. Martin

Morristown Circuit....J. M. Durham

New SalemA. B. McKenzie

NewportL. R. Stapleton

Newport CircuitA. G. Cadle

Pigeon Forge

To be supplied by E. H. Brannan

SeviervilleE. H. McLaughlin

Thorn Grove J. S. Strange

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HOLSTON CONFERENCE JOURNAL.

The 57th Annual Session of the Holston Conference convened in Morristown, Tenn., October 9th, at 9 o'clock a. m., 1901, with Bishop John W. Hamilton, D. D. LL. D., presiding.

The Bishop announced the 798th hymn and after the singing, read a part of the 10th chapter of St. Matthew, and lead in prayer, after which, according to the custom of the early Methodists, while he read portions of the scriptures, a collection was taken for the benefit of the poor. Then followed the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper administered by the Bishop, assisted by the presiding elders.

The Bishop requested the presiding elders to come within the altar and introduce each member of the conference and all others present, to him, that he might know them. And a general good spirit was manifest.

After a few brotherly and appropriate remarks by the Bishop, the roll was called and the following members answered to their names:

J. H. Amis, W. S. Bandy, J. A. Baker, J. S. Best, T. W. Brown, M. C. Bruner, W. R. Byerly, W. S. Brackney, J. S. Burnett, A. G. Cadle, L. B. Caldwell, J. L. Cardwell, J. W. Cardwell, T. A. Cass, G. W. Clendenen, T. G. Chase, F. M. Cones, R. J. Cooke, G. B. Cox, J. M. Emert, J. B. Fitzgerald, G. T. Francisco, W. S. Grant, J. C. Harmon, P. H. Henry, J. C. Hodge, T. H. Hodge, J. H. Jennings, J. S. Jones, S. G. Ketron, S. V. Lowe, J. J. Manker, B. M. Martin, J. W. McGee, H. W. McKenzie, A. B. McKenzie, E. H. McLaughlin, J. M. Melear, W. C. Miller, I. H. Miller, M. H. Monroe, G. T. Newcomb, H. B. Ogle, Hazen Oaks, G. W. Paul, J. F. Perry, J. S. Petty, D. G. Pile, J. D. Roberson, J. J. Robinette, A. M. Rose, G. R. Rowan, J. A. Ruble, M. A. Rule, T. B. Russell, T. H. Russell, W. T. Senter, W. A. Saville,

A. Y. Snively, G. M. Stout, J. S. Strange, J. M. Taber, T. S. Walker, Robert Walker, T. R. West, W. C. Wheeler, J. M. Wolfe, C. M. Hall.

PROBATIONERS.

S. P. Angel, J. W. Boling, G. S. Bales, A. C. Ketron, A. J. Murphy, Erwin Omohundro, W. T. Sanders, R. L. Stapleton, P. H. Scarbrough, E. W. Serl, I. G. Taylor.

On motion of J. J. Manker, J. H. Amis was elected Secretary, with M. A. Rule as assistant.

On motion of L. B. Caldwell the bar of the Conference was fixed to include the six rows of seats in front of the altar.

On motion of J. J. Manker, Robert Walker was elected Statistical Secretary and he chose for his assistants, R. L. Stapleton and J. W. Boling, who were confirmed by the conference.

On motion of Hazen Oaks, J. W. Cardwell was elected Treasurer, with W. S. Brackney as assistant.

The standing committees were called and the vacancies were filled.

On motion of J. A. Ruble, the following committee was appointed on Memoirs: J. J. Robinette, J. C. Harmon, T. S. Walker, L. B. Caldwell, E. H. McLaughlin.

On motion of R. J. Cooke, the chair appointed the following committee concerning the late president, Wm. McKinley: R. J. Cooke, J. M. Melear, J. M. Taber.

At the suggestion of the pastor, B. M. Martin, L. B. Caldwell moved that the hours for meeting and adjourning be fixed at 8 and 11:15 a. m. The first half hour for devotional services.

On motion of L. B. Caldwell, the Bishop appointed the following committee: L. B. Caldwell, J. J. Robinette and C. M. Hall, to whom should be referred all persons desiring to address the conference, except those representing the general interests of the Church.

The following were introduced to the Conference: Rev. J. S. Hill, principal of the Morristown Seminary; Rev. B. A. Disney, of North Ohio Conference; Miss Jennie E. Scott, of F. Aid So-

ciety; Rev. G. H. Crider, Rev. W. T. Marley, Rev. E. J. Cox, of the East Tennessee Conference; Rev. C. M. Hall, transferred from the New England Conference, to the Holston; Rev. Wm. F. Pitts, transferred from the Georgia to the Holston Conference; G. N. Jennings, agent of the Book Concern at Cincinnati.

Papers relating to Sunday Schools, Tracts, Education, F. Aid, Church Extension and Temperance, were referred to the proper committees.

The accounts of the *Gospel in all Lands* were placed in the hands of J. S. Best for collection.

The Book Concern accounts were put in the hands of Mr. Jennings, the agent.

The presiding elder of each district and all the effective elders were called and their characters passed.

On motion of F. M. Cones it was decided to hold a Statistical Session of the Conference tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock.

J. A. Ruble announced that J. J. Henly had been transferred to the Missouri Conference.

On motion of C. M. Hall the committee on Memoirs were requested to remember in their report the life and labors of the late Dr. W. A. Spencer, Secretary of the Church Extension Society.

The Bishop requested R. J. Cooke to conduct the devotional exercises tomorrow morning.

After the announcements, the doxology was sung and the benediction pronounced by G. T. Newcomb.

SECOND DAY.

October 10, 1901.

The Conference met this morning at eight o'clock.

After a very precious prayer service conducted by R. J. Cooke, the Bishop took the chair and the journal of the previous session was read and approved.

On motion by J. J. Manker the draft for \$22.00 on the chartered fund was ordered, properly signed and placed in the hands of L. B. Caldwell, chairman of the Board of Stewards.

On motion of J. S. Jones the chair appointed a committee on resolutions as follows: J. S. Jones, J. S. Burnette and E. H. McLaughlin.

A tabulated statement from the Book Concern was referred to the committee on Church Literature.

A paper relating to the Episcopal Fund was read by the Secretary and after some remarks by the Bishop, on motion was referred to the Presiding Elders.

J. F. Perry, Presiding Elder of the Athens District; J. J. Manker, of the Chattanooga District; J. D. Roberson, of the Clinton District; G. T. Francisco, of the Greeneville District, and J. A. Ruble, of the Knoxville District, read their reports, which were real models, specially interesting, highly instructive and very encouraging.

On motion of J. A. Ruble the committee on Memoirs was requested to prepare an obituary of Brother W. D. Gorman, who has done faithful service for fifteen years as a supply in this Conference.

The Bishop made some very timely and appropriate remarks concerning our work in this Conference.

On motion of L. B. Caldwell, the chair appointed a committee as follows: L. B. Caldwell, J. J. Manker and R. J. Cooke, to send the brotherly greetings of this Conference to the Holston Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, which is now in session at Knoxville.

On motion of J. J. Manker the pastors in reporting their benevolent collections, were requested to report according to the direction of the discipline and anything else they should desire.

The following effective elders reported: Athens District, J. H. Amis, M. C. Bruner, D. G. Pile, T. R. West, T. G. Chase, W. S. Grant, M. H. Monroe, J. J. Robinette, A. M. Rose. B. A. Disney reported for G. W. Coleman; J. J. Robinette reported for W. B. Rippetoe. Chattanooga District, J. M. Wolfe, J. M. Taber, L. B. Caldwell, J. S. Burnette, Wm. F. Pitts. Clinton District. J. C. Harmon, Hazen Oaks, A. C. Peters, A. Y. Snavelly, G. M. Stout, J. M. Emert. J. D. Roberson, P. E., reported for C. W. Miller.

Greeneville District, J. C. Hodge, W. C. Miller, S. G. Ketron, W. S. Bandy, I. H. Miller, G. B. Cox, J. S. Best, W. R. Byerly, T. S. Walker. Knoxville District, M. A. Rule, W. T. Senter, W. A. Saville, C. M. Hall, J. W. McGee, B. M. Martin, J. S. Strange, P. H. Henry, T. W. Brown.

On motion of W. T. Senter the time was extended.

On motion, 9 o'clock Saturday morning was fixed as the time for voting on the new Constitution of the Church.

The Bishop requested T. S. Walker to preside at the Statistical Session this afternoon.

On motion of B. M. Martin the collection (\$7.00), which was taken at the opening of the Conference, was put into the Conference Claimant's Fund.

The Bishop requested T. R. West to conduct the devotional services tomorrow morning.

On motion of W. S. Brackney, W. C. Miller was placed on the committee on the State of the Church and made chairman of the committee.

Rev. J. B. Converse, of the Presbyterian Church, was introduced to the Conference.

After announcements and the doxology, the benediction was pronounced by J. A. Ruble.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference was called to order at two o'clock with T. S. Walker in the chair. The devotions were conducted by T. A. Cass. The charges were called and the reports collected. On motion the Conference adjourned with benediction by B. A. Disney.

THIRD DAY.

October 11, 1901.

Conference convened at eight o'clock this morning. After a very interesting prayer meeting, conducted by T. R. West, the Bishop called the Conference to order and the journal was read, corrected and approved.

On motion of F. M. Cones, the draft from the Book Concern for \$363.00 was ordered, signed and handed to L. B. Caldwell, chairman of the Board of Stewards.

On motion of R. J. Cooke, the collection taken at the opening of the Conference was credited to the Morristown Station for Conference Claimants.

On motion of Hazen Oaks, the candidates for admission on trial were referred to the committee on Conference Relations.

On motion of J. J. Robinette the Laymen's Convention was invited to seats with us during the address of the Bishop to the class of Deacons. J. J. Robinette, T. R. West and B. M. Martin were appointed a committee to wait on the convention and invite them to seats with us.

On motion R. J. Cooke was added to the committee on Memoirs.

On motion of M. C. Bruner the collection taken yesterday evening for F. Aid and Southern Education, was credited to Morristown Station.

On motion Hazen Oaks was substituted for B. M. Martin on the committee on Conference Relations.

Question 5. Who have been continued on trial?

Andrew J. Murphy, after the passage of his character, was advanced to the studies of the second year, with the condition that he read the books required. See records of examiners.

Thomas Charlesworth and I. G. Taylor, characters passed, and continued in studies of the second year.

S. P. Angel, Erwin Omohundro and Geo. Bales, characters passed, and advanced to studies of the second year, with the same conditions as above. See records.

R. L. Stapleton, A. C. Ketron, J. W. Boling and P. H. Scarbrough, characters passed, and advanced to studies of the third year. The last named on the conditions above.

On motion of J. J. Manker candidates next year will be excused from examination on the *Methodist Review*.

Question 7. Who have been admitted into full membership?

R. L. Stapleton, P. H. Scarbrough, A. C. Ketron, J. W. Boling were admitted into full membership and elected to Deacons orders.

Question 11. What others have been elected to Deacons orders?

(a. As local preachers.) Erwin Omohundro, I. G. Taylor, W. C. Rogers, Abner H. Gragg and Geo. Bales.

On motion of J. J. Manker it was decided to seat the Laymen in a body and the Bishop to be master of ceremonies.

On motion Geo. R. Rowan and P. H. Henry were granted a supernumerary relation at their own request. Geo. R. Rowan was granted a leave of absence.

On motion the relation of M. R. M. Burk was referred to the committee on Conference Relations.

On motion of C. M. Hall all persons desiring the supernumerary relation, be referred to the committee on Conference Relations.

At 10:25 the Laymen came into the Conference and J. J. Robinette introduced J. A. Patten, the President of the Lamen's Association, to the Bishop, who invited him to speak to the Conference. Mr. Patten addressed the Conference for a few moments with interesting and practical thoughts; to which the Bishop responded.

On motion of R. J. Cooke, the President of the Laymen's Association was requested to present at the mass meeting tonight, the report which he presented to the Association this morning.

On motion of C. M. Hall, the time was extended indefinitely.

The class to be admitted into full membership was called and after a song, and an earnest prayer by J. A. Ruble, the Bishop read the rules of a preacher and addressed them so fraternally, tenderly and earnestly as to profoundly impress all present with the importance of true, loyal, manly preachers. He also propounded the Disciplinary questions which were all answered in the affirmative.

The committee appointed to send greetings to the Holston Conference, M. E. Church, South, reported they had sent the fol-

lowing: "To the Holston Conference, M. E. Church, South: Knoxville, Tenn., October 10, 1901. The M. E. Church in Conference assembled send fraternal greetings; Read Eph. 3:14-19.

CALDWELL,
MANKER,
COOKE.

Today received the following: To the Holston Conference, M. E. Church, Morristown, Tenn.: The Holston Conference, Methodist Church, South, returns salutations. Read John 17:20-21.

E. E. HOSS,
D. SULLINS,
R. N. PRICE.

On motion the telegrams were accepted and made a part of this record by a rising vote.

The committee on Conference Relations recommended that J. F. Spence and J. C. Eckles be made effective; which, on motion, was done.

The Bishop announced the transfer of J. C. Eckles to the Cincinnati Conference and stationed at Concord.

Rev. Jno. H. Race, D. D., President of Grant University; Rev. A. S. Baldwin, of Central Pennsylvania Conference, and Rev. W. L. Brown, of the Baptist Church, were introduced to the Conference.

After announcements Conference adjourned with the benediction by Dr. J. H. Race.

FOURTH DAY.

October 12, 1901.

Conference met this morning at eight o'clock. The prayer service was conducted by G. T. Newcomb. After which the journal was read, corrected and approved.

D. G. Pile was granted a leave of absence.

W. T. Sanders was discontinued.

Elmer W. Serl was advanced to the studies of the third year and continued on trial.

Geo. W. Paul, Wm. S. Brackney, S. V. Lowe, J. W. Cardwell, A. B. McKenzie, Robert Walker, W. C. Wheeler and Wm. F. Pitts, having completed the Conference course of study, were elected to Elders Orders.

On motion of J. J. Manker it was decided that should any member of any of the classes pursuing the course of study fail to receive notice of the particular chapter on which a syllabus is required, he may then be at liberty to prepare his syllabus upon any chapter he may choose.

On motion of J. J. Robinette it was decided to kindly request the Bishops in fixing the date of our Conference to open on Thursday, in order to give more time for examinations.

G. W. Paul, W. S. Brackney, S. V. Lowe, J. W. Cardwell, A. B. McKenzie, Robert Walker, W. C. Wheeler and Wm. F. Pitts, characters passed, and they reported their collections.

R. L. Stapleton, E. W. Serl, A. J. Murphy, I. G. Taylor reported their collections.

The Bishop announced the transfer of T. D. Roe from Blue Conference to this Conference.

At ten o'clock J. J. Manker moved that the proposed New Constitution be approved. After some discussion the vote was taken as follows: In the affirmative, 43; in the negative, 24.

Rev. M. S. Hard, D. D., of the Church Extension Society, and Rev. Dr. Early, of the Baptist Church, were introduced to the Conference.

Dr. Hard addressed the Conference on the great work of that great Society.

J. S. Burnette presented the report of the committee on Church Extension, which, on motion, was adopted.

Question 30. Where shall the next Conference be held?

J. J. Robinette, with a nice little speech, put in nomination Maryville, which was unanimously accepted.

M. A. Rule read the report of the joint committee on the Preachers Aid Society of the Holston Conference; and on motion of F. M. Cones, was adopted.

On motion of L. B. Caldwell, J. J. Manker, G. T. Francisco and J. J. Robinette were appointed to nominate a committee in compliance with the above report.

On motion of J. S. Jones it was decided to appoint a committee of three to draft an appeal and send to the First Quarterly Conference of each charge having one or more Conference Claimants within its bounds, setting forth the moral claims of these persons upon our bounty and urging that special efforts be made in their behalf; and all amounts thus contributed shall be reported to the Annual Conference, provided that such amounts shall not be credited upon the regular apportionment.

On motion of J. A. Ruble a collection was taken for Conference Claimants amounting to \$56.10.

On motion of C. M. Hall it was decided to take a collection in this Church next Sunday evening for Conference Claimants.

On motion of M. A. Rule the Bishop was requested to appoint a commission to confer with a similar commission from Central Tennessee to consider boundary between Tennessee and Holston Conferences. The Bishop appointed the following: J. S. Burnette, I. H. Miller, J. M. Taber, A. C. Peters and R. J. Cooke.

After announcements Conference adjourned with the benediction by Rev. B. A. Disney.

FIFTH DAY.

Monday Morning, October 14, 1901.

Conference met at eight o'clock this morning. T. H. Russell conducted a very delightful prayer meeting.

At nine o'clock the Bishop took the chair and the journal of Saturday's session was read and approved.

Earnest R. Ayers, from the Athens District; Michael P. Murphy, John Sanders, William A. Stackhouse, from Chattanooga District; David T. Lawson and Asa E. Brown, from Greeneville District, were received on trial.

The Bishop announced the transfer of Thos. Charlesworth to

the Pittsburg Conference, and W. B. Rippetoe to the Northwest Indiana Conference.

J. B. Seaton, H. B. Ogle and T. B. Russell were continued in the supernumerary relation.

M. R. M. Burk, C. C. Wyatt, and A. C. Peters were granted a supernumerary relation.

A. G. Cadle was made effective.

On motion of J. J. Manker, G. W. Marine was granted a location at his own request.

S. W. Hyden, Geo. Julian, W. R. Long, J. B. Fitzgerald, J. B. Little, R. O. Ayers, P. H. Reed, T. H. Russell, T. A. Cass, Benj. Crist, J. D. Lawson, J. N. Baker, J. L. Cardwell, J. H. Jennings and Wm. Kinsland were continued in the superannuated relation.

On motion of J. F. Perry, G. W. Coleman was granted a superannuated relation at his own request.

On motion of G. T. Francisco, J. S. Best was appointed Conference evangelist.

On motion of J. J. Manker, the superannuated preachers and any others of the Conference having matters relating to the early history of the Conference, especially the stirring times of the reorganization, be requested to gather and classify such facts and incidents as may be within their reach and have them published in the *Methodist Advocate Journal*, or placed in the hands of the Secretary of the Conference for preservation.

On motion of W. S. Brackney all money collected for Conference Claimants must be reported to the Conference.

On motion of R. J. Cooke that if T. D. Roe has passed in the studies of the second year, he be advanced to the studies of the third year.

M. A. Rule read the report of the Board of Stewards, which, on motion, was adopted.

On motion of J. A. Ruble the \$40.00 reported by C. M. Hall was referred to M. A. Rule to be distributed among the Conference Claimants pro rata.

On motion of J. D. Roberson \$800.00 be apportioned to this Conference for Conference Claimants next year.

The Statistical Secretary read his report, which was adopted.

On motion of F. M. Cones the time was extended.

The Treasurer read his report and it was adopted.

On motion of J. S. Jones the Treasurer was requested to place the money collected for the American Bible Society in the bank to the credit of Rev. G. D. French, agent for this territory.

On motion of M. A. Rule the \$6.00 in the hands of the Treasurer, not disposed of, be placed in the hands of the Board of Stewards for Conference Claimants.

Dr. Race invited the Conference to the laying of the corner stone of the Science Hall at Athens Tuesday, October 15, 1901.

J. M. Melear read the report of the committee on the State of the Country and it was adopted.

On motion of J. A. Ruble the Secretary was requested to send a copy of the above resolutions to President Roosevelt, and also to Mrs. McKinley.

On motion of J. J. Robinette all committees not reported were requested to hand in their reports to the Secretary for publication.

M. A. Rule, appointed to see to the erection of a monument to Rev. W. C. Daily, reported that the monument had been erected and paid for.

have blanks prepared for taking subscriptions for the minutes.

On motion of J. J. Robinette the Secretary was requested to J. D. Roberson read the Missionary appropriations.

The report of the committee on Resolutions was read by J. S. Jones and adopted.

On motion, after devotions and the reading of the journal and appointments, conference adjourned.

JOHN W. HAMILTON, *President*.

J. H. AMIS, *Secretary*.

REPORTS.

CHURCH LITERATURE.

If the pulpit is the preacher's throne, the steps that lead to that throne rise from the book-case and the study. It is said that a person is known and also made by the company he keeps. This is true of the preacher whether that company consists of people or books. If the pastorate opens to him opportunities for loving patient service among the humble and toiling, in his study he may come into uplifting contact with those great men who have gained mastery in lofty thoughts and noble expression. The preacher must prize and cultivate the friendship of books. They furnish his vocabulary, they stimulate his ideas, they mould his style, their moral tone is wrought into his very character. His books are not only his tools, but they are also the substance, the material with which he works. The time has come when the humblest preacher *may*, and therefore *must*, furnish himself with the world's great literary masterpieces, in history, fiction and verse, and also place in his library year after year the magazines of current thought, and the best books that deal with life's greatest problems. His circuit may include the meadow farms, the mining village among the hills, and the settlements in the valley. These furnish an ample and laborious field for his activities. But, turning at times from these, he hears the music of the great world's orchestra, and feels the currents of the world's thought and purpose, the stress and strain of the world's great movements. These hours with his books, deepen his moral earnestness, broaden his sympathies, kindle his imagination, fire his soul, till he feels he is bearing a part in life's great struggle, that he is an actor in life's drama. He goes back to his circuit, and gives to his people this larger, this strenuous life.

Church literature is something more than books of discipline, and polity, and ecclesiastical law; it is the literature of life. All such literature is published by, or may be procured through our Church Publishing Houses.

Valuable products of our Methodist Press, are—the Church Magazines and Periodicals, indispensable to the strength and growth of our work. These are most heartily commended to the liberal patronage of our pastors and people. Prominent among these publications are the *Methodist Review*, the *Christian Advocate*, the *Western Christian Advocate*, and our own *Methodist Advocate Journal*.

We urge the importance of supplying our Sunday Schools with well selected libraries, and with adequate lesson helps.

We recommend to our Epworth Leaguers, the establishment, when possible, of Reading Rooms in connection with their Literary Departments.

We are highly gratified with the encouraging reports that the lists of subscribers to our Church Papers have been greatly lengthened during the past year, and pray that this good work may go on till some one of these organs shall make its weekly visit into every Methodist Episcopal home in Eastern Tennessee.

We note with pride the pronounced improvement in our own *Methodist Advocate Journal*. Its editorial articles, vigorous in thought, catholic in spirit, fluent and forceful in expression, stimulate our own people and command the attention of those beyond our section. Its form is attractive and the arrangement of its matter admirable. We predict that this paper, so vital to our Church interests, with the enthusiastic support of our preachers in commending it publically and personally to all our people shall in the near future gain its way to successful self support. We recommend the appointment of J. S. Petty, D. D., as Business Manager of the *Methodist Advocate Journal*.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. MILLER, *Chairman*.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, as a Conference, do hereby express our highest appreciation of the work being done by Dr. T. B. Neely, Secretary of our Sunday School Union and Tract Society. In all that he does in this department of Church work, there is exemplified the desire to subserve the best interests of our Methodism.

We would urge our people not to fail to patronize our book concerns in the purchase of adequate supplies of our church literature that may meet the demands of our Sunday Schools.

We would emphasize the thought that it is of vital importance that our own literature and that only, be used in our Sunday Schools, realizing the fact that the future Church is largely in the Sunday School. We would impress upon the pastors of this Conference the duty of organizing our Sunday Schools into Missionary Societies as directed by our Discipline.

We are encouraged in the fact that in many charges of the Holston Conference advancement has been made on all lines of Sunday School work during the year now closing, yet with due diligence and careful consideration much more may be accomplished in the ensuing Conference year.

TRACTS.

We rejoice at the authentic statement that eleven million pages of reading matter from our tract society have been gratuitously distributed

in the United States within the past year, and in addition to this, ten thousand dollars in the same time have been sent to our foreign mission stations to aid in the publication of religious literature in tract form.

We therefore urge the pastors of this Conference to comply strictly with the Disciplinary requirement in the distribution of tracts, realizing as we do, that through this means Bible truth is readily disseminated, resulting in effective evangelization.

T. S. WALKER, ⁺
F. M. CONES.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Christian education is the hope of our nation. We would emphasize the word Christian. It is this word that gives the Church schools a reason for existence, and justifies the Church in urging upon our people the necessity of supporting their own schools. The territory encompassed by the Holston Conference needs the Church schools second to no section in our country. Only that education which influences the heart equally or in advance of the head will produce citizens who can be trusted with the affairs of state. The homes are the foundation of the state; character, such as is produced by a Christian education must be the foundation of the homes if they are to realize their design.

Hence, as a Conference of Christian ministers, we cannot be indifferent to the interests of education; it *must* if we are true to the highest interests of our work, become the object of our most earnest solicitude to look after and advance in every possible manner the interests of our Church schools which are located within the bounds of our Conference. Holston Conference is favored with the presence of several institutions which are an honor both to the Conference and to the Church and are doing a work of real importance among our people.

GRANT UNIVERSITY.

The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of Grant University was held May 31, 1901. The members, among whom were Bishops Walden and Goodsell, held three sessions, and carefully considered the interests of the institution. All of the board were agreed that Grant University had never enjoyed a more satisfactory year than the one then closing had been. There had been an increased matriculation of students in the University; cash gifts, aggregating \$11,000, aside from the appropriation from the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, were received; two new buildings, greatly needed, were ordered for this next year, to cost \$33,000, more than 80 per cent. of the contract price being in hand in *bona fide* subscriptions; seventy-two young people were graduated. Locally the friends feel that the school has a secure foundation. The prospects are decidedly more encouraging than at any other time during the present administration.

The matriculation of last year is as follows:

At Athens	258
At Chattanooga	563
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Making total	821
Faculty at Athens	13
Faculty at Chattanooga	52
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Total	65
Graduates at Athens	6
Graduates at Chattanooga:	
School of Theology	8
School of Medicine	54
School of Law	4
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Total	72

Grant University has graduated to June 1st, 1901, seven hundred and ninety young men and women. Of this number one hundred and forty-six have entered the Christian ministry; seventy-nine are actively engaged in teaching; the remainder entering other callings or professions, chiefly those of medicine and law. The ministerial alumni have reached, and are now reaching all classes of human society—the heathen, the poor and ignorant in the city and country, as well as the wealthy and cultured dwelling amid favorable surroundings. Six of them have been missionaries of the cross to foreign peoples, in fact twelve of the former students have labored in the mission fields of India, Japan, Africa and South America. Every one of our southern white conferences have been strengthened by these alumni.

The University, moreover, has exerted a power through a larger number of students who have not been graduated, but have spent a year or more in the institution. The conservative estimate of one who has been associated with the school from its beginning shows that three hundred have practiced law, five hundred medicine, eight hundred have preached the gospel, and fifteen hundred have taught school. But beyond these professions, the home and social life, the church and political life in many communities have been transformed into something better through the influence of the boy and the girl who came from the humbler walks. This transformation of mountain youth is the University's great glory. For the fact remains that the ordinary man is a potent element in our nation life. He is legion. He is everywhere. So the importance of our University in the central-south is never fairly estimated until cognizance is taken of its helpfulness to the students who go out from the campus always to be numbered among the "common people."

This institution has had a peculiar mission to the plain folk. And naturally so, for from Athens, the seat of the academic department, are

visible the Chilhowee mountains made famous by Charles Egbert Craddock; the Smoky Mountains, and the long ridges and higher peaks of the Cumberland range. The great line of emigration from Southwestern Virginia to Alabama and the southwest passed through Athens before the days of railroads, and this same route is now occupied by the main line of the Southern Railway, the chief thoroughfare between Washington and the southwest. No other school with equal facilities and under similar conditions and environment could have done more for the Church and Christian civilization.

There were received and expended in the various departments of Grant University during the past scholastic year the sum of \$24,925.43.

Suggestions:

1. Kindly refer to the work of the University in harmony with the following requirement of the Discipline: "It shall be the duty of each Presiding Elder every year to bring the subject of education before the last Quarterly Conference of each charge within his district, and said Conference shall appoint a committee on Education, consisting of not less than three nor more than seven persons of which committee the pastor shall be the chairman. This committee shall aid the pastor in canvassing the charge for the purpose of stimulating interest in the higher education of our youth, by distributing catalogues, and circulars of the Secondary Schools, Colleges, Universities, and Theological Institutions of the Church, and seeking to secure the attendance of our young people at these institutions."
2. The ministers of the Conference to preach an educational sermon on the Sunday after Thanksgiving, setting forth the claims of Grant University with special reference to the financial needs of the institution; a collection for education to be taken and the money forwarded to the University, all money contributed being properly credited by voucher in Conference minutes.
3. Be pleased to appoint Conference visitors for Athens and also for Chattanooga.
4. The one demand now is for endowment—endowment for the collegiate department; endowment for the school of theology; endowment for the development of a University; in fact, one representative of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Such an institution as the needs of the Church demand cannot be developed as a mission school. The aid now given through the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society is wholly inadequate. So pressing are the demands on the society that it cannot devote more than one-eighth of its funds to this white work. Meanwhile undenominational institutions, recently established, make their appeals for aid, and within the past year have secured such substantial assistance that they will be able to reach these sturdy people to whom our

own school has been ministering for the past decades unless we shall equip the institution to meet pressing necessities.

Grant University is in the midst of a vast territory. The institution has the right of way, because it has been built into the love and sympathy of this people. But the educational facilities of a third of a century ago do not meet the present day requirements of this growing constituency. The religious, educational, and civic uplift of this people appeals to the noblest sentiments of the Christian patriot and philanthropist.

We recommend as Conference visitors J. H. Amis, F. M. Cones, C. M. Hall, L. B. Caldwell and James M. Taber.

Kingsley Seminary—For twenty-four years this school has stood as a beacon light of intelligent righteousness in a section greatly needing such a light. Northeastern Tennessee and Southwestern Virginia have largely contributed to the patronage of the school, though not a few students have come from other states. The statistics show that from the beginning 999 different students have attended this school since its foundation of which number 538 have been non-residents of Bloomingdale where the school is located. Thus far 253 have been trained for teaching and 58 have studied with the ministry in view.

The past year, under the principalship of Joseph H. Ketron, A. M., has been one of marked success. Kingsley has from time to time sent students to Grant University especially to the School of Liberal Arts, the School of Theology and a few to the School of Medicine.

Murphy College—This school is the recognized ward of the Knoxville District, and as such should receive special notice in that district and in the Conference at large. It is located in the rich and beautiful Sevier county, at Sevierville. During the past year it has been under the wise and able control of Prof. H. F. Ketron, A. M., and an able corps of teachers, and has had a year of marked prosperity. The enrollment has been 333. Financially this has been a year never to be forgotten. Through the encouragement given by a generous gift from the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, the friends of the institution were moved to a special effort to retire the debt that had rested upon the school for a number of years. This movement has been successful. The responsibility for raising the last \$800 was assumed by Presiding Elder Ruble, who has tirelessly and victoriously labored till the last dollar of this indebtedness is in sight, and Murphy College is looking forward to a grand jubilee celebration of the event in the near future. The trustees have recognized the interest and self-sacrificing labors of Brother Ruble by naming the Girls' Dormitory, in honor of his deceased wife, the "Annie Ruble Hall," whose name and beautiful Christian character will thus for years be handed down as an inspiration to the young womanhood who may be sheltered within its walls.

Oakland Seminary—This school is located in the midst of her friends, and has enjoyed the most successful year in its history under the guidance of Prof. J. D. Self as principal and Miss Carrie Bailey and Prof. White as associates. The enrollment has been 200. The property is valued at from \$5,000 to \$6,000. There have been more than 50 graduates who are filling important positions. The school is peculiarly adapted to give a good, intellectual foundation for the practical work of life.

Wesleyan Academy—This school, situated at Chucky City, has enjoyed during the past year a degree of prosperity, unknown for many years. Since March, 1899, an indebtedness of \$800 has been paid and extensive repairs made on the building. The enrollment has increased from 50 to 112. The people are loyal to the school. Prof. S. H. Thompson, as principal, has wisely and successfully guided the school for the past two years. The prospects are flattering for Wesleyan Academy, and the purpose of the principal and trustees is to make this school a prominent feeder for Grant University. There is great need of increased room, and apparatus for operating the school. The authorities of this school have their faces towards the rising sun and expect results.

Parrottsville Seminary—This seminary is under the auspices of the M. E. Church. It is situated at Parrottsville, in an old settled town in one of the best sections of country in East Tennessee. The faculty consists of members of our own church. It is now under the principalship of Prof. Rule, from Knox county. Three teachers are employed. The enrollment is about 100. Through the earnest labors of those intimately connected with this school, the overhanging debt was recently canceled and with some improvements to be made upon the building we have a promising school at this place.

Holston Seminary—This institution is located in the beautiful New Market Valley, twenty-five miles east of Knoxville, on the main line of the Southern Railroad. This school was chartered as Holston College in the year 1838 and for many years was among the very best, if not the best in all East Tennessee. Later it was rechartered as Holston Seminary and had a period of success, until a few years ago, when, for want of means, and with strong competition, it passed through its ebbing season and lived only in name. In the spring of this present year (1901) the government paid to the trustees a war claim of \$3,000 and a portion of the money has been used in repairing the building, making it more comfortable and attractive. There have been some \$500 to \$600 used on the building in the last few years and it is now in good condition. The main building is brick and a 5-roomed brick dormitory stands near by. It has a campus of about five acres, the front portion of which is well shaded. This property is well worth \$2,500. The school opened under the principalship of Prof. S. D. McMurray, assisted by Miss Kitty Wills, and Miss Nettie Walker, August 19, with an enrollment of 107 the first week with a weekly

increase. The outlook for the institution is more favorable than for years. We recommend it to all our young people in the patronizing territory and urge the support of the pastors in approximate charges. We also call attention of the F. Aid and Southern Education Society to the needs of this school and recommend such aid as the society may be able to furnish.

Powell's Valley Seminary—This school, situated at Well Spring, under the charge of Prof. E. M. Ellison, A. B., a graduate of Grant University, starts out in this school year with encouraging prospects. The enrollment at the close of the third month is 135. The great need is a boarding hall.

We recommend as visitors to our schools the following: To Murphy College, J. M. Melear and the pastor of Sevierville; to Holston Seminary the pastors of Morristown Station and Circuit; to Oakland Seminary, S. G. Ketron and the pastor of the Circuit; to Parrottsville the pastors at Newport and Parrottsville Circuit; to Powell's Valley Seminary, the pastors at Jellico and Well Spring Circuit; to Wesleyan Academy, J. S. Jones and the pastor of the Chucky Circuit; to Kingsley, T. B. Russell and the pastor of the Circuit.

We earnestly recommend to our people the patronage of our church schools and we urge upon the faculties of these schools that they strive to make them centers of spiritual as well as intellectual power.

We hereby express our appreciation of the aid of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society to our schools and urge the pastors to strive to raise the full apportionment of the society.

The Board of Education renders very important assistance in the work of our schools and we hereby express our hearty interest in the work of this board and urge upon the pastors the importance of observing Children's Day and taking a collection for this organization.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. FERGUSON.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

Realizing that the hunger and thirst for truth has never been greater than now, also that neither Methodism nor protestantism can flourish without an open Bible, and that in many places in our home as well as foreign fields many people are either unable or unwilling to purchase this book of truth, and as this society is striving with zeal and devotion to place a Bible in every home; be it therefore,

Resolved, That we heartily endorse its motive and pledge our hearty sympathy and support by resolving to raise each and all amounts apportioned to our several charges for its support.

G. W. PAUL,
A. M. ROSE.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

We would be very ungrateful as a Conference did we not acknowledge our obligations to the Board of Church Extension for its many favors

to us. From the beginning of our history until now, it has been our faithful friend.

By the changing of our boundaries we may not be able to tell just how many churches have been aided, yet hardly a church house in our Conference, but has been helped. To do this we have received at various times and ways \$55,165.00. We have collected from our churches and sent to the Board of Church Extension \$6,792.00. That is, we have received \$9.00 for every \$1.00 that we have given. In view of this generous treatment, we are embarrassed to have it true, that fourteen charges took no collection for Church Extension last year. We are asked to raise \$1,060 for this cause this year, which would only be $4\frac{1}{2}$ cents a member.

In view of these facts,

Resolved, That we ask the presiding elders to apportion \$1,060 as equitably as possible, to all our charges.

Resolved, That we will inform our people concerning the facts of this benevolence, and do our utmost to meet the apportionment in full.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. S. BURNETT, *Chairman*.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS.

Received from Chartered Fund	\$22 00
Received from Book Concern	363 00
Received from Conference	367 00
Total	<u>\$752 00</u>

Distributed as follows:

R. O. Ayers	\$ 35 00	Paid to Bruner
Mrs. Ballenger	10 00	“ Perry
Mrs. Clark	15 00	“ Caldwell
Mrs. Daily	55 00	“ Hall
Mrs. Forester	10 00	“ Peters
Mrs. Filmore	40 00	“ Manker
Miss Greer	15 00	“ Snavelly
Mrs. Haskell	5 00	“ J. S. Jones
Mrs. Hughes	5 00	“ Gibson
S. W. Hyden	35 00	“ Robinette
Mrs. Jones	40 00	“ Hawk
George Julian	5 00	“ Perry
Mrs. D. B. Lawton	22 00	“ Manker
J. B. Little	5 00	“ Snavelly
W. R. Long	35 00	“ Bruner
Mrs. Morrison	10 00	“ Byerly
Mrs. Morton	50 00	“ Snavelly
P. H. Reed	70 00	“ Himself

T. H. Russell	50 00	"	Himself
Mrs. Rogers	10 00	"	Perry
Mrs. Seaton	10 00	"	Francisco
Mrs. Still	5 00	"	Brackney
Mrs. Watkins	5 00	"	Lowe
Mrs. Creswell	25 00	"	Herself
J. D. Lawson	5 00	"	E. H. Branum
B. Crist	50 00	"	Himself
T. A. Cass	35 00	"	Himself
J. L. Cardwell	25 00	"	Himself
J. H. Jennings	30 00	"	Himself
G. W. Coleman	35 00	"	B. A. Disney
Wm. Kinsland	5 00	"	Himself
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Total	\$752 00		

At a joint meeting of the committee of Conference Stewards and a committee appointed by the Laymen's Association, the following action was taken:

J. A. Grisby was elected chairman and M. A. Rule secretary. The following resolution was adopted:

First. The time has come when we, as a Conference, should organize a Preachers Aid Society for the Holston Annual Conference of the M. E. Church.

Resolved, second, That the said joint committee further recommend the appointment of a committee of five from the Laymen's Association and five from the Holston Conference, which committee of ten shall prepare a Constitution and By-Laws for said Preachers Aid Society.

Resolved, third, That said committee of ten shall submit the Constitution and By-laws to the presiding elders of the Conference, the resident bishop and the executive committee of the Laymen's Association, and when the said Constitution and By-laws shall have been approved by resident bishop, presiding elders and executive committee of Laymen's Association, said committee shall have power to complete and carry out the purpose of said Constitution for the benefit of the Conference claimants.

M. A. RULE, *Secretary*.

TEMPERANCE.

We recognize in the liquor traffic the common enemy of the peace and prosperity of home and national life. It stands in the way of home building, society elevation; coils itself around and oppresses life to such an extent, that we are compelled to charge to its account a large amount of the suffering and poverty of our people. It takes from the children the comforts of life, to say nothing of its luxuries. We pour at its door the blood of the murdered thousands; we see in this cup that biteth like a serpent, and

stingeth like an adder, the concentrated groans and cries of a mother's broken heart. Therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the Holston Conference, and of the Methodist Episcopal Church, continue our opposition to the nefarious work of the saloon power, that we intensify our energies and efforts, pledging ourselves to any reasonable measure that has for its aim the absolute prohibition of its manufacture and sale.

Resolved, second, That we endorse the American Anti-saloon League, and recommend the election of at least one delegate to the sixth annual convention to be held in Washington, D. C., December 3-5, 1901.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. HARMON.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Your committee appointed to audit Presiding Elders' accounts have performed that service and find them all correct.

ISAAC H. MILLER, *Chairman*.

EPWORTH LEAGUE WORK.

We believe that the Epworth League is of providential origin, and we know that in many places its "Work of faith and labor of love" has been greatly blessed of God in the salvation of precious souls.

A few years ago, this "Arm of Power" in the Church seemed to be desirable and promising, but today it is a necessary auxiliary of the Church, not only in training our young people and in "teaching them" all things that a Christian ought to know and believe to their soul's health, but since the young people of all aggressive churches are well organized, we must do so too, in self defense; if not for any higher and holier reasons.

As Methodists, we have always believed that the Church that takes care of the children and young people and the poor of today, will be the Church of tomorrow. For these and many other reasons, we would urge all our pastors and presiding elders to encourage and lead forward this work to a "Glorious Victory" in Jesus' name.

Methodism has never had to strike her colors, and it is too late to do so now. We want to urge, entreat and exhort all our young people to a deeper and fuller consecration to this holy service, seeking daily "that wisdom that cometh down from above," and remembering the words of Him, who said, "Without me ye can do nothing."

"He that spared not His own Son, but delivered him for us all *will* he not with him also *freely give us all things*." Epworth Leaguers, we salute you, we hail you, and bid you happiness and prosperity in Christ's name.

ISAAC H. MILLER, *Chairman*.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That our heartiest thanks are tendered to the Rev. B. M. Martin, pastor of this church, and his efficient committees, for the excellent

manner with which they have received and entertained the Conference, and to the good people of Morristown for their Christian hospitality and kindness with which we have been received into their homes.

Resolved, That we express our appreciation of the courtesies extended us by the Railroad Companies over whose lines we travel, and also the Telephone Companies, which so kindly placed their 'phones in the church for our use, and further to the Press for the liberal reports of the Conference session.

Resolved, That we have appreciated the visit of Dr. John H. Race, President of Grant University, to our Conference as well as his numerous visits to our various charges, and we extend to him a hearty invitation to transfer to this Conference.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to Dr. M. S. Hard, Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, for his visit to our Conference and assure him of our deep interest in the work he represents and cordially invite him to visit us as often as possible.

Resolved, That we are pleased to have Bishop John W. Hamilton as our presiding officer; that we appreciate his helpful addresses, his brotherly interest in our work, the courteous and impartial spirit manifested in the performance of his duties; that he holds a large place in our hearts, and we shall give him glad welcome at any future time.

Resolved, That the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society made no mistake in sending to us, at this session of our Conference, Miss Jennie Scott. We thank her for her inspiring words, and hope to greet her again at future sessions of this Conference.

Resolved, That it is with deep interest and profound gratitude that we note the ever increasing interest of our Laymen in all the work of our Methodism, and we regard the organization of the Laymen's Association as a prophecy of a better future for our work in this territory and pledge to them our hearty support in the development of their cherished plans for the building up of our educational and religious enterprises.

Resolved, that we have enjoyed the words of greeting and good cheer brought to us by Mrs. R. J. Miller, Mrs. G. E. Ackerman and Mrs. W. C. Sharon, representatives of the Woman's Home and the Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, and that we extend to them an invitation to visit our several charges in the interest of these causes.

J. S. JONES,
E. H. McLAUGHLIN,
J. S. BURNETT,

Committee.

Your committee on District Conference Records have examined the same and find them properly kept.

HAZEN OAKS. *Chairman.*

STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

The Holston Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in annual session assembled, desires to put on record some word expressive of the great national loss which befell us in the dastardly assassination of President Wm. McKinley.

As a man he was best loved and respected by those most intimately associated with him.

As a citizen of this republic he exemplified in his conduct those sterling traits of character well calculated to exalt and purify the body politic.

In the untimely taking away of this man, the nation has lost one of the brightest stars in the galaxy of American Statesmen; one who gave dignity to the high office which he filled, who strengthened our commercial relations, unified our international interests, softened the asperities of sectional conflict, and lifted the United States to a position among the powers of the world, never before occupied since the foundation of the government.

As a Christian he has left the world a priceless legacy in the holy example which he has bequeathed to posterity. His religious life was one of the most beautiful aspects of his noble character.

He was not ashamed to confess his Lord, and when others were silent he openly avowed his allegiance to Christ. Earnest, steadfast, sincere, he began his Christian life; hopeful, devout, triumphant, he came down to death his faith in God unshaken. Therefore,

Resolved, That we record our heartfelt appreciation for the service which he has rendered as a man, a citizen, a statesman, a president, and a Christian.

Resolved, That we tender our sympathy and prayers to Mrs. McKinley upon whom this blow has fallen with greatest weight, commending her to the infinite care of Him who said: "I will be a husband to the widow."

Resolved, That we express it as our deliberate conviction that no time should be lost in the enactment and enforcement of laws which shall suppress the teachings of anarchistic principles, and bring to speedy justice those who seek to encourage a disrespect for our Constitution.

Resolved, That, though our hearts are bowed in inexpressible sorrow and while clouds and darkness are round about His Throne, we express our confidence in President Theodore Roosevelt so unexpectedly called to the office of chief magistrate, recognizing in him a courageous leader, a sagacious statesman, a broad-minded and liberal president of a united people.

R. J. COOKE.
J. M. MELEAR,
J. M. TABER.

MEMBERS OF JOINT COMMISSION ON PREACHERS AID SOCIETY.

Ministers: L. B. Caldwell, J. S. Jones, J. M. Melear, Hazen Oaks, J. F. Perry.

CERTIFICATE OF THE SECRETARY.

I certify that this pamphlet contains a complete record of the official proceedings of the Fifth-seventh Session of the Holston Conference.

J. H. AMIS, *Secretary*.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Reader—Please remember our friends who have advertised in this book and when trading give them a call, and mention this Annual.

J. H. AMIS, *Secretary*.

REPORTS OF PRESIDING ELDERS.

KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.

This district is composed of seventeen pastoral charges. All served from the Conference except two. The charges were favored with the presence of the pastors promptly upon the adjournment of the Conference, and with very little interruption, by personal, or family affliction, the pastors have worked faithfully and with fair success. One parsonage has been visited by a great sorrow. On March 13, 1901, the wife of Brother J. W. McGee, pastor of Little River Circuit, after a very brief illness, in blessed triumph, left the scenes of this tearful and struggling life, and went home. The attendance upon the funeral was immensely large, and what Christian sympathy could do to relieve the darkness was most cheerfully bestowed. Brother J. W. Jones, pastor of First M. E. Church, Knoxville, Tenn., at the expiration of three months, was, by an exchange in transfers, sent to the New England Conference, and stationed at Evert, Mass. Brother C. M. Hall, of the same Conference, took the place of Brother Jones. He came at once, with his family, and entered upon the work, and for nine months, has by untiring labors in pastoral work, splendid and acceptable pulpit power, proved himself to be the right man in the right place. No more painstaking, hard-working, consecrated and successful minister of the Lord Jesus Christ has come among us. I bespeak for him a brotherly welcome, to which his Christly spirit and Christly labors entitle him.

Spirituality.—Great prominence has been given to revival work, and most of the charges have enjoyed times of refreshing. Conversions reported by the pastors number about 1,000. Earnest and persistent effort has been made to bring the church back to the land-marks of the fathers, and we are greatly gratified to state that the effort is being crowned with success. Almost invariably the old-time love-feast, in form and spirit, is one of the most enjoyable and profitable features of our quarterly meetings, especially in the rural sections. Brethren, is it not sadly and suggestively true that Methodism, in the experience meeting, after revolutionizing all protestantism, is gradually letting go of one of the arms of her power.

The Forward Movement.—On Fair Garden Circuit a beautiful church, modern in design, elegant in all its appointments, has been built, and on July 28th, was dedicated, presiding elder and pastor officiating. This church is worth \$1,200.

Sevierville Charge.—At Middle Creek our people are building and hope to have completed and ready for dedication by December 1st, one of the best country churches in East Tennessee. This church will cost approximately \$2,500.00.

Lonsdale Charge.—This young mission, located in one of the suburbs of Knoxville, starts with the prospect of great usefulness. Here the shops of the Southern Railway are located, and it is estimated that not less than a million dollars additional will be invested in factories near-by within the next few months. By the liberality of W. A. Galbraith, of the First Church, this society received a donation of two lots, on one of which a church, according to one of our church extension plans, has been built, and is to be dedicated by Bishop Hamilton October 20th. The church is a gem of beauty and is worth \$1,500.00.

Much of the funds for the building of this church have been contributed by the leading churches of our denomination in the city, and for this noble manifestation of Christian liberality by these churches, all of which are carrying heavy burdens of their own, we are devoutly thankful. Brother W. A. Saville, pastor of Asylum Avenue, has wisely and efficiently managed this successful movement.

In the matter of retiring indebtedness, commendable effort has been crowned with encouraging results.

Holston—\$300.

Knoxville—East Main, \$126; First Church, \$300.00.

Little River—\$100.

While \$4,000 of the \$4,200 against Murphy College has been paid and the other \$200 will be wiped out in 1902.

Our District School, Murphy College.—This institution is well and beautifully located at Sevierville, Tenn. The college building, containing eleven rooms, built of brick, the grounds and all buildings and equipments, cost about \$17,000.00, and is well worth \$20,000.00. The Girls' Industrial Home is a three-story frame building, third story incomplete, and is in charge of Mrs. Bryan, a capable and faithful Christian lady. The faculty consists of H. F. Ketron, A. M., president. Instructors, J. M. Boyd, Mrs. J. M. Boyd, Miss Inex M. Martin. Miss Nannie N. Cureton in charge of the music. The enrollment last year was three hundred and thirty-three. The prejudice and opposition which at first crippled the school, imperiling its existence, has totally disappeared, and now all strong and influential Christian denominations are a unit in pushing the interests of Murphy College. Located in a prosperous section of our beloved East Tennessee, without a rival of similar grade by any denomination, we feel safe in saying that there is a happy combination of circumstances and conditions which

prophesy for this young institution increasing usefulness and a most prosperous future. In November, the attention of the presiding elder was called to the alarming fact that the property was in great peril by reason of a large and rapidly growing debt. At an all day session of the trustees, held December 19, 1900, it was found that there was an indebtedness of \$4,200.00. Correspondence was renewed with the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, the masterful help and large sympathy of our resident Bishop D. A. Goodsell was at once and fully enlisted. The result, after about a month, a telegram signed by Bishop John M. Walden, came containing the joyful statement that the Society had voted to pay the last \$2,000.00 of indebtedness. This, under the circumstances, meant financial salvation to Murphy College. Possibly it is due to state just here, such, in the judgment of the trustees, was the relation of the writer to the financial salvation of the college, that at a meeting of the Board they unanimously resolved to name the Girls' Industrial School the "Annie Ruble Hall," in honor of my lamented loving companion. Effort for retiring the indebtedness has been vigorously and persistently pushed by the presiding elder until now there remains only two hundred dollars, and this is partly covered by valid subscription. It was our purpose and effort to wipe out the total indebtedness before this session of Conference, and work was begun and prosecuted with this view, but the long and disastrous drought of the summer caused some of our subscribers to plead for an extension of time. But if the blessed Master continues life and health, by New Year, 1902, Murphy College will be free from every cent of indebtedness. The fact that a campaign was inaugurated some years ago, and a representative sent by the society from Cincinnati made a canvass of the district, with the understanding that all indebtedness was then to be retired, and that the brethren stopped before they had quite reached the goal, and thus this \$4,200 was allowed to accumulate, renders the task of retiring it the most difficult that we have ever grappled with in our experience with the financial affairs of the church.

Benevolences.—Earnest effort to awaken a deeper interest among our people on this subject has been made, and in some instances a healthy advance will be shown.

Epworth League.—This department, in our church, is bearing most valuable fruit. Wherever there is organized and maintained a chapter of the Epworth League, there is a healthy condition in the finances of the church, as well as in the spirituality of our young people. It is not possible for a pastor to be more blind to his own interests than to treat with indifference the requirements of the church in regard to organizing chapters of the league.

Hindrances.—In some sections small-pox was so widely epidemic in the winter and spring as to greatly hinder the ordinary services of the church. All through the summer scarlet fever has prevailed violently, breaking out first in one community and then in another, until it has touched

unfavorably church operations all over the district. Then the drought, which has been so wide-spread, has had its depressing influence throughout the entire district, but the greatest of hindrances is a lack of support of our pastors and of the benevolences of the church. In looking into the causes for this discouraging state of affairs, we are lead to kindly call attention to some features of our movement as a church. Back in the sixties, when we organized, the great body of traveling Methodist preachers in this section were wholly out of sympathy with us, while as a rule, the reverse was true of local preachers. In supplying the work, we felt providentially called to lay hands on these good brethren and thrust them out into the pastorate. With large families, with no experience in the pastorate, and with a salary so meagre, they did not feel justified in moving from their farms, thus it will be seen that we have inaugurated and kept up the policy of receiving into the Conference brethren who have no thought of moving their families. This is no criticism on these good brethren. We have adopted the policy and invited them to take advantage of it. The result is that frequently brethren are appointed to charges fifteen, twenty and thirty miles away from home. They cannot serve their charge acceptably and give due attention to home affairs. The people do not feel like paying for what they do not get, hence the standard of support is so low that they feel compelled, in duty to their families to secularize. One such brother, traveling a charge a few years, the standard of ministerial support drops down until it is impossible to properly elevate it when a pastor is appointed who moves his family in the charge and depends entirely upon the Church for his support. Where the pastor lives miles away from his charge, our people get sick and the good pastor is not there to visit and extend sympathy. Our people die and ministers of other denominations are called in. Our young people want to get married and ministers of other denominations, as a matter of convenience, are called on to officiate. Brethren, the tearful plea of the fathers and mothers that are loyal to our beloved Methodism is, "send us a pastor that will live among us and that will thus hold our children to the church of our love." These good brethren are of us. It is our duty to do the very best for them we can in the matter of appointments, but, the time has come when this Conference ought not to receive any brother, however capable, who is anchored to his home, and it ought not, under any circumstances, to ever receive into its membership, except young men, a brother beyond the age of thirty-five. Providence opened the doors to us to one of the grandest opportunities of the centuries.

But in entering and occupying, we have injected and are perpetuating features of our plans of operation that will ultimately work our disaster. Features which, if continued, will result in our extinction in this central southland within the next half century. Competing with a sister church, identical with the same doctrine, and largely so in polity, in recent years we led in membership among the whites. Now they are in the lead. The

only essential difference between them and us is, when their pastors are appointed to a charge, almost invariably they move to the charge and stay among their people. With us in many instances, because of the conditions already explained, our pastors give only a limited part of their time to the work of the church. Brethren, it is not pleasant to say these things, and with thirty-six years of untiring labor with my brethren of the Holston Conference, if I could feel that I could be true to God and you and say less, I would do it.

Personally.—I have enjoyed unusually good health, with the exception of catarrhal trouble. Have devoted ten weeks in assisting the pastors in revival work, made a round with the pastor in the largest charge in the district, preaching at every point, and aiding the pastor in raising the benevolences. As has already been mentioned, early in the year I attempted the task of retiring an old chronic debt, besides the regular duties of my office, I have spent weeks in soliciting subscriptions. Uniformly, I have been treated with the greatest kindness and consideration. Closing my labors as presiding elder of the Knoxville District, I desire to state that twelve and six years ago I accepted the appointment of presiding elder under tearful protest. That I have not done better, I am profoundly sorry, but I have been faithful to God, to you, and to my charge, and in retiring, it is due to say that uniformly, with the exception of only two or three instances sweet brotherly love has been maintained between the presiding elders and all the pastors. The pastors and the people have held up my hands, and if I have not succeeded, it is not the fault of the Church. Through all these years of struggle, the loving Christ has been increasingly precious to me. The Presiding Eldership is the hardest, most misunderstood, and most important place in Methodism.

J. A. Ruble, P. E.

CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.

In presenting to the Conference this, my sixth and last annual report, as presiding elder of the Chattanooga District, it is proper and eminently due that my first words should be an expression of thanksgiving and praise to God for his constant presence with me and with the pastors during the year, and for his blessing upon our united labors. He has graciously lifted up the light of his countenance upon us and has given us gratifying prosperity.

Pastoral Changes.—A number of changes in the pastoral assignments as announced at the Conference a year ago have been made which, for the sake of historical accuracy, should be noted. H. R. Caldwell, who was assigned to the Tabernacle, was sent soon afterward as a missionary to China, and W. F. Pitts was transferred from the Georgia Conference by Bishop Goodsell and appointed to fill the vacancy. But G. W. Marine having resigned his place as pastor of the Graysville Circuit and having, with the approval of Bishop Goodsell, been relieved therefrom, Brother

Pitts was assigned to that circuit and took charge of it January 16th. The vacancy thus for the second time occurring at the Tabernacle was this time filled by the employment of E. B. Catlin as "supply." Harriman received in the regular order of appointment C. C. Wyatt as pastor, but Brother Wyatt tendered his resignation early in February and was accordingly, with Bishop Goodsell's approval, relieved March 1st, since which time the place has been supplied by A. C. Koser, a member of the Rock River Conference.

Pastoral Service.—The brethren thus vacating the places assigned them labored with zeal and fidelity while in charge, and their successors and all the other pastors have, throughout the year, rendered faithful and, with scarcely an exception, successful service, and that too in many cases, if not in all, in the face of unusual difficulties and discouragements. In many places the small-pox prevailed to such an extent as to seriously cripple business and require for weeks and months the suspension of all religious gatherings and public services. In addition to this great distress and losses have befallen the agricultural interests throughout the district by reason of severe drouth and by successive and disastrous floods. All crops have been cut short and hundreds and thousands of acres of grain and grasses have been literally and totally destroyed. But despite all this the pastors, and with them many Godly men and women among the laity, have pressed forward in the work of the Lord with a courage and devotion worthy the days of the prophets and martyrs.

Presiding Elder's Work.—A full and detailed account of my own work is not attempted. It is perhaps enough to say that to the care and supervision of the district in all its interests my entire time and my best energies have been constantly devoted. The regular quarterly visitations have been made to each charge, with extra visits from time to time as exigencies seemed to demand, and every quarterly conference for the year has been held by the presiding elder in person.

Revivals.—The salvation of souls has been the chief aim and effort of nearly all the preachers. Many revivals have rewarded their holy zeal, some of them of extraordinary power and success. The number of conversions reported is about 650. From these blessed results about 310 have been received on probation, and about 240 admitted into full membership, while other sister churches have been almost equally enriched and strengthened.

Property Interests.—Repairs and improvements on our churches and parsonages involving more or less financial outlays have been made as necessity demanded. The Sunday School room of the First Church, Chattanooga, has been refurnished at a cost of \$500. The church at Highland Park has been thoroughly overhauled and furnished with new carpet and opera chairs at an expense of \$750. The church at South Pittsburg has also been thoroughly repaired and fitted with new pulpit, new pews, and other suitable furnishings, involving the expenditure of \$500. These with other

minor improvements and repairs at other places aggregate about \$2,300. Two new churches have been erected. One on the Morgan Springs Circuit, appropriately named Bethel, cost with the lot about \$800. The other at Sherman Heights cost \$2,300. Both were dedicated Sunday last, October 6th, the former by the Rev. Dr. Race, and the other by Bishop Goodsell. In both cases all indebtedness was fully provided for.

A small indebtedness at Alton Park has been paid during the year. A debt of \$250 due the Board of Church Extension has for a long time been resting on a church building owned by us at Tracy City, but as the society has by the fluctuations and removals so common in mining towns been almost entirely broken up, and as the title contained a reversionary clause totally vitiating it in case the property should cease to be used for church purposes, there was no apparent possibility of selling it or in any other way paying the debt. But after long continued efforts the perfecting of the title is now assured, and arrangements have already been made to sell the property and pay the debt. The \$500 debt at South Pittsburg has just been paid, and the debt at Ridgedale amounting to \$900 has at last been fully provided for by valid subscription, and its liquidation will be successfully completed as soon as the subscriptions can be collected. The final rally in securing the necessary subscriptions was made only last Sabbath under the able and inspiring leadership of Bishop Goodsell. This is the last church debt in the Chattanooga district*, and after our long and burdensome bondage there is joy and gladness among all our people on account of our deliverance from the galling yoke.

In nearly every case of debt paying, improving and beautifying churches, and in building new ones, the members of the First Church in Chattanooga have generously and liberally aided their weaker neighbor churches, without which the gratifying results recorded would not have been possible.

Benevolences and Salaries.—Every charge in the district reports its full apportionment for missions, and for all the other benevolences, including the Episcopal Fund and the Conference Claimants' Fund. Every pastor is thus entitled to his place on the "Roll of Honor," having justly won it by intelligent, careful, persistent effort. This "Honor Roll" is as follows:

James M. Taber, First Church; E. M. Pippin, Alton Park; J. M. Wolfe, Avondale and Sherman Heights; S. P. Angel, Epworth; L. B. Caldwell, Highland Park; J. S. Burnett, Hill City; E. W. Serl, Ridgedale; E. B. Catlin, Tabernacle; G. W. Paul, Crossville; John Sanders, Daisy; Robert Walker, Dayton and Vine Grove; W. F. Pitts, Graysville; A. C.

*To prevent any possible misunderstanding it is here noted that the new parsonage just built in Hill City charge is not entirely paid for. In this enterprise a loan was procured from the Board of Church Extension, to be repaid in installments, only one of which has fallen due. It with all interest accruing to date was fully paid at maturity.

Koser, Harriman; W. C. Wheeler, Jasper; M. P. Murphy, Morgan Springs; A. J. Murphy, Pikeville; Erwin Omohundro, Rockwood and Spring City; James Hart, Tracy City.

The salaries estimated for the pastors are, with few exceptions, inadequate, even pitifully small, but they are this year for the first time all fully paid. This encouraging fact, as well as all the other financial results achieved, is mainly due to three causes, namely:

1. The service rendered by the pastors has been constant and courageous, whole hearted and effective.

2. The influence of the systematic and well directed efforts of the Laymen's Organization has been felt throughout the district, arousing the people to a clearer sense of their obligation to their pastors and to the general work and interests of the church.

3. A number of laymen of the First Church, Chattanooga, anxious for the comfort and welfare of the preachers, and concerned for the prosperity of the church, and with a laudable pride in the good name of the district, have greatly encouraged and stimulated the people by offering to some of the weaker charges some financial assistance on condition that with this help they should meet in full their obligations to their pastors and to the general benevolences. About \$150.00 was thus placed at the disposal of the presiding elder to be used at his discretion for this purpose.

This stimulating appeal to the honor and pride of the people has, without doubt, materially aided in enlarging the contributions to the benevolences, and has certainly added to the aggregate amounts paid to the pastors several hundred dollars beyond what they would otherwise have received.

This noble and generous service on the part of our brethren of the laity is gladly and gratefully acknowledged. It is on their part a wise and worthy recognition of the doctrine and the obligations of Christian stewardship. It commands the admiration, the gratitude, the love, of the hard working and even yet poorly paid preachers of the district, and it certainly cannot but be pleasing to our Heavenly Father.

Supplementary Statement.—It may not be amiss to add in a supplementary way, and for convenience of reference, a statement of results for the six years now closing, showing as it must, encouraging indications of the growing life, the steady progress, and the assured permanency of the church.

During the time indicated eight new churches have been built, costing about \$9,750.00, and two new parsonages worth about \$2,000.

Repairs and improvements have been made to the amount of about \$10,500.00. Debts have been provided for to the amount of \$26,236.00, all of which has been actually and fully paid except in the case of Tracy City and Ridgedale, already properly and accurately represented in this report.

The annual contributions for benevolences have gradually risen from about \$1,000.00 to over \$2,000.00.

The total amount thus far raised in the district on the Twentieth Century call is as nearly as can be ascertained \$31,774.00.

The preachers and people, men and women, who by their faith and devotion and the generous use of their means have thus honored our Lord and helped to strengthen his cause, are certainly worthy to be had in everlasting remembrance.

While progress has been slow and much yet remains to be accomplished, we nevertheless ought to be grateful, and are, for what has been achieved, and for the omens of good encouraging us to still press forward.

J. J. MANKER, P. E.

GREENEVILLE DISTRICT.

This Conference year now closed has been an eventful one in the Greeneville District. One of the most destructive floods ever known to this section of the country came in May of this year, 1901, sweeping everything before it, leaving desolation and ruin in its track. Houses were swept away by the fearful torrent and scores of people were left homeless and penniless. Farms were washed until now are to be seen rock and sand where before was the productive soil. This flood damaged the upper counties of East Tennessee thousands of dollars and our people were among those who lost and suffered. These streams that proved so destructive in May traverse the district from east to west.

The rains have continued almost during the summer, keeping the rivers up, making it dangerous and expensive to travel for the bridges were all washed away by the flood, but our pastors have gone forth, though, amid all these difficulties, in the discharge of their duties and not without a degree of merited success. We do not offer these preliminary remarks as an excuse for a bad year, but only to show some of the difficulties under which we have labored. The Greeneville District, in many respects, has had the best year of its history.

We have in this district eighteen pastors, fourteen are members of the Conference, and four are supplies, an excellent body of men, self-sacrificing, zealous and faithful. They are evangelists and have conducted in the main their own revivals; not going out of the district for aid.

Revival fires have been burning throughout the year; 1,800 souls were converted, 933 added to the church. These statistics I have gathered from the pastors at the Quarterly Conferences and we think they are correct.

The 933 additions to the Church were gathered in through the influence of these revivals. They were gracious seasons of grace. Nearly all of these hundreds were young people who will constitute the Church of tomorrow. I have seen since these revivals as many as thirty young converts at the communion table at the same time. We do not want to be a back number. Pastors and people of Greeneville District have been trying to keep apace with the great revival movement throughout our Church.

My Work as Presiding Elder.—I have tried to the best of my ability

to look after every interest of the Church. Realizing the responsibility resting upon me, I have gone in the fear of God, trusting in Him, and trying at all times to do my whole duty.

My association with pastors and people has been at all times pleasant. During this year I have held seventy Quarterly Conferences in person and two by substitute. Have conducted one District Conference, have traveled 3,700 miles, made 300 visits, preached 135 times.

Church Literature.—Our people have been revived along other lines as well as spiritual. Some advancement has been made in a more general distribution of our church literature and especially in soliciting subscribers for our own church paper, the *Methodist Advocate Journal*. We have doubled our subscription list this year. The largest number of papers taken on any one charge is on the Greeneville Circuit where they have forty subscribers.

Some of our pastors have been assisted in soliciting for the *Advocate Journal* by the Rev. F. M. Cones, who has done valuable service and endeared himself to the people wherever he has gone.

The influence of our church literature is plainly seen wherever it is generally distributed among the people.

Church Building and Improvements.—There are now ready for dedication five new church buildings. One among the best churches built for many years in the Greeneville District, has been erected this year on the Jonesboro Circuit at Mt. Wesley. It is worth fully \$1,500. This church enterprise matured through the efforts and hard labor of G. B. Cox, pastor. He and his people deserve praise for the successful outcome of this endeavor. Several hundred dollars have been spent in repairing and beautifying church property.

Parsonages.—The parsonage on Watauga Circuit only partially built was completed in the early part of this year. It is a nice little cottage, comfortable and convenient. The pastor, A. E. Brown, completed it and has made considerable improvements on the grounds. Some time in the early part of last winter the Rev. G. S. Bales saw an opportunity to purchase a good piece of property to be used for a parsonage. The property was bought and now Parrottsville Circuit has a home for its pastor.

The indebtedness on our parsonage at Johnson City has been paid off. Bishop Goodsell came to the assistance of Brother Miller, pastor, and after preaching a sermon that stirred all hearts present, a collection to pay off the indebtedness was taken and in a few minutes \$363.00 was raised.

The last annual Conference loaned what was known as the Jonesboro Fund to the Greeneville District, to be used for the purpose of building or purchasing a district parsonage. With this money we bought property in Johnson City, a beautiful home for the presiding elder and his family. This property is located in the above named town, fronting 165 feet on

Unaka Avenue and fronting 155 feet on Wilburn street. This is the only district parsonage in the Holston Conference and we think that we are justified in feeling proud of it.

Financial Condition of the District.—This district does not do what it ought or might do, in a financial way, yet we have made considerable advancement over other years. The average apportionment for pastors salary including house rent this year is \$404.11. The average salary paid, including house rent last year was about \$356.00. The average salary this year will exceed that of last year.

The majority of the pastors have worked hard on the benevolences and most of the charges will show a decided advancement. The letters sent out by the Laymen's Convention have had considerable influence. Brother J. F. Janes, of Hermon Church, Greeneville Circuit, died leaving a will granting \$500.00 to that church. This money to be placed on interest; \$10 to be paid annually to the church for repairs; \$10 to the pastor; \$10 to the Missionary Society.

Epworth Leagues.—We have some very excellent Epworth League Chapters. There are few if any better in the Conference in some respects. These Leagues are well attended and are instructive and spiritual. Representatives of these leagues gave an entertainment on Friday night of our District Conference which would have been a credit to young people in any locality.

Church Schools.—There are four church schools in this District which are the equal of other schools in the same territory. The enrollment for the beginning of this year is 435.

G. T. FRANCISCO, P. E.

ATHENS DISTRICT.

To the President and Members of the Holston Annual Conference:

Dear Fathers and Brethren: The Athens District as arranged one year ago has fourteen pastor charges, five stations and nine circuits. Ten counties in part or in whole are embraced in its territory. At the last session of the Conference, pastors were appointed to all the charges, except two, Decatur and Erie Circuits were left to be supplied. Immediately after the beginning of the Conference year, H. M. Hawk, a former student of Grant University, was put in charge of Decatur Circuit. Brother Hawk has served the charge faithfully and acceptable during the year with a fair degree of success.

The Erie Circuit was put under the pastoral care of J. T. Terry, who was closing his senior year in Grant University at Athens. Brother Terry labored with fidelity and zeal, devoting all the time he could to the work for three quarters of the year, when he was released from the work to take charge of Boaz Seminary located within the bounds of the Alabama Conference. For the remainder of the year the charge has been served very acceptably by C. B. Myers.

The pastors appointed to charges by Bishop Goodsell at our last session, have labored faithfully during the year, with varying degrees of success.

Spiritual Condition.—The spiritual condition of the Athens District, while not what we had hoped to see it, is as a whole, good. Some very helpful revivals have been held during the year, on most of the charges, notable: Maryville Station, under the pastoral oversight of J. J. Robinette. This charge was blessed in the early part of the year with a very gracious revival in which about 100 souls professed conversion. With a number of valuable accessions to the Church. This is Brother Robinette's fourth year on this charge, and in many respects it has been the most successful. Brother Robinette is held in very high esteem, not only by our own, but by other denominations of Maryville. This is the strongest charge financially within the bounds of the district, and was never in a more prosperous condition, both financially and spiritually—all claims met in full. Athens Circuit, under the pastoral care of M. C. Bruner, has had a year of very marked success in the way of revivals and accessions. This is Brother Bruner's fourth year on this charge and he is well received. Cleveland Station, under the care of D. G. Pill, is prospering, both spiritually and financially. J. H. Amis, of Athens Station; T. R. West, of Ducktown; W. S. Grant, of Loudon; J. W. Cardwell, of Chatata; M. H. Monroe, of Madisonville, and A. M. Rose, of Ebenezer, have each had good results in revivals. T. G. Chase has had a good year at Kingston Station finances all up, spiritual condition good.

Sunday Schools.—Our Sunday Schools were never better than now. Greater care is being taken in the selection of teachers than in the past. We have now 59 Sunday Schools in the district. I am sorry to report that the interest in the Epworth League work is not what it should be. We have now only eleven chapters active within the bounds of the district. We have seven Junior Leagues doing good work.

Church and Parsonage Property.—In Church and Parsonage property we have made some substantial gains: two churches have been dedicated during the year, one on Ebenezer Circuit. A. M. Rose, pastor, at Beaver Ridge a beautiful frame structure, built on modern style, costing about \$1.00, was dedicated early in the year by Dr. R. J. Cooke, assisted by Rev. J. A. Ruble, presiding elder of Knoxville District, and M. A. Rule, of Elm Grove and Jones Chapel. This church was practically completed last year. A substantial frame building begun last year at Red Hill, Cleveland Circuit, has been under the supervision of G. W. Coleman, the pastor, finished free of debt. This church was dedicated by Rev. D. G. Pile, of Cleveland Station, assisted by the pastor.

Maryville Circuit, W. B. Rippetoe, pastor. A new church at Chandler Station, on the Atlanta, Knoxville & Northern Railway, is now practically complete; also at Meadow, on the same line of road, a new church, is now

in course of erection. The material is all secured and the work is progressing.

Loudon Circuit—Under the wise leadership of the pastor, W. S. Grant has purchased in the town of Loudon, for parsonage purposes, a comparatively new building of seven rooms with one acre of valuable land, at a cost of \$550. Brother Grant has raised the money and paid every dollar of indebtedness, so that the property is free from debt and is now occupied by the pastor's family. Paid for church and parsonage building this year and an old indebtedness of \$2,204.

Financially—In ministerial support we fall a little below last year. Nine of the fourteen pastoral charges draw almost entirely their support from the products of the farm, and owing to the shortage in the crops, some of the charges have failed in a measure to reach their former record. The following statement will serve to show more accurately the financial condition of the district as compared with last year:

For ministerial support last year, receipts in the aggregate, \$5,875; for ministerial support this year, receipts in the aggregate, \$5,726. Receipts for benevolents are about as last year.

Education—The preparatory and collegiate departments of Grant University, being located at Athens, it becomes my pleasure to report that the last scholastic year was in some respects one of the best in the history of the institution. Two hundred and fifty-eight different students were in attendance during the year. It is gratifying to note that the average attendance per term is considerably in advance of former years.

The property valuation of the departments at Athens remains about the same as at the time of my last report. The equipment is being added to from time to time as the resources of the institution will permit. During the past two years Dean Wright has been in the field for the school with the results that there is now being erected upon the campus at Athens a commodious brick and stone structure three stories in height that will be of great material service in providing modern class rooms.

A Presbyterian layman has already contributed the sum of five thousand dollars toward this greatly needed building.

I am happy to report that the religious interests of the students are carefully considered. Beginning with the last day of prayer for colleges, special evangelistic services were held in the chapel, with the result, that about forty of the students entered into the service of the Lord. Pastor, faculty and students labored faithfully to reach the last unsaved person in the school. Grant University deserves our united support, and when all of our pastors will have entered into the spirit of the Disciplinary requirements, then our halls at Athens will be crowded with the children of our parishioners.

The Ritter Industrial Home, a valuable adjunct, under the management of Mrs. F. V. Chapman, is a model home for girls, and is worthy the support of our people.

In reference to my own work as presiding elder, I will say that on the 21st day of October last, I entered upon my work at Cleveland Station. Since that time I have been constantly engaged, devoting my time and energies to the work. I have held in person 54 Quarterly meetings, two by substitutes; assisting the pastors in evangelistic services as time and opportunity was offered. Have held two District Conferences during the year; have preached 170 times; made 327 visits to homes throughout the district; have traveled by rail and by private conveyance in the performance of duty, 3,690 miles. Through the blessings of Almighty God I have met each appointment during the year on time.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. PERRY, P. E.

CLINTON DISTRICT.

In the Clinton District there are seventeen pastoral charges, three stations—Jellico, Newcomb and Clinton—and fourteen circuits, with from four to eleven preaching places on each charge. There are ninety-three places where we have organized societies, sixty-five of these are provided with comfortable church houses in which to worship, leaving twenty-eight organized societies that are without church buildings. There are a number of other places where the preachers hold services occasionally. I estimate that our preachers in this District preach regularly to at least ten thousand people and that there is a Methodist following in the territory of fully fifteen thousand. The people are not wealthy, some are well-to-do, most are poor, a number quite poor. The educational facilities of this section have been meagre, hence the people are not highly educated, but usually strong in native ability; they are honest, industrious and loyal to their convictions. There is an urgent need of better training for church work.

The year just closing seems to me, all things considered, to be the most prosperous year that we have had during my term on the district. But in order to obtain a clearer idea of the condition of the work and the results that have been achieved, I beg the privilege of briefly presenting the several charges in detail:

Andersonville, alphabetically, would come first. This is the largest circuit in the district, having eleven preaching places, and it has the means and ability to become one of the very best, but owing to the largeness of the work and the smallness of the pay, it is not eagerly coveted by the preachers. W. L. Oliver, a bright young man, educated in Grant University, has been pastor. He is quite popular, has given general satisfaction, doing much good of a kind that can not be easily tabulated.

Big Valley has had for pastor C. W. Miller, a man of ability, industry and perseverance. The first part of the year was eminently successful, but in June the pastor's wife became so distressingly afflicted that he was unable to give further attention to the work, leaving Brother Sproles, a

local preacher, to finish up the year. There have been forty-four conversions and one new church completed.

Clinton, Hazen Oaks, pastor, has had quite a good year. A new parsonage, worth about \$1,200, has been built and the finances are in better shape than usual. The Sunday School, under the wise management of the superintendent, Hon. J. A. Fowler, is excellent. The League is doing good work. The pastor has labored with much zeal and success has crowned his efforts.

Deer Lodge has had for its pastor A. C. Peters, a prominent member of this Conference, whose ability, both natural and acquired, would entitle him to a place where he could receive a better support. The church at Deer Lodge, under the Twentieth Century inspiration, has been relieved of a burdensome debt. I might say in this connection that all the indebtedness on our church property in the entire district has been removed.

Jellico, J. M. Emert, pastor, has had a very pleasant and prosperous year. A gracious and great revival was held the first part of the year under the influence of which every interest of the church has been advanced. The Sunday School has grown rapidly in new members and interest; the League is doing most excellent service. The finances, and spiritual condition of the church is better than ever before.

Jellico Circuit is a new charge made at our last Conference. C. L. Poulston, a local preacher, has been supply on this work. There has been 155 conversions, three new classes have been organized with about 100 members. The pastor has been very zealous and active and will make a good report.

Jamestown—I. G. Taylor, a young man educated in Grant University, has been pastor of this work, he has done faithful and honest work and has not toiled in vain. This circuit has never been sown in good seed, in the shape of Methodist literature like it has been during the past year. Much other good work has been done. Brother Taylor is a man of a pleasant spirit and good information, growing steadily wiser in the work of God.

Maynardville, with W. T. Sanders as pastor, has had a good year on all lines. There have been 99 conversions; the finances better than for several years. This is the best circuit in the district for the official members to attend faithfully to their several duties. The charge is in good spiritual condition.

New River, T. H. Russell, pastor. This work is mainly in several small towns along the Cincinnati Southern Railroad and deserves careful attention. It has no church property but there are fair chances now for building. There has been some good revival work on this circuit during the year. This work is blessed with a considerable number of most excellent people. The pastor has not been very strong this year. "Faint yet pursuing."

Newcombe, B. C. Taylor, pastor. This work continues to grow in membership and good works. This charge was never in better condition than now. Sunday School and League excellent; 80 conversions, 45 accessions to the church; finances better than ever before; church spiritual; pastor greatly beloved and constant in good works.

Oliver Springs—This work was supplied at the Annual Conference by W. D. Gorman, a man who had been supplying work in this Conference for some fourteen or fifteen years. So long and faithfully and successfully had he toiled in the itinerant work of this Conference that he had become to be recognized as one of us. He began his work after Conference with more than ordinary zeal and was having an unusual measure of success. He was successfully pushing the work of a new church building in Oliver Springs when the Great Shepherd and Bishop of souls transferred him from the field of toil to the home of rest and thus his flock was left without a shepherd, to mourn his death. W. W. Whidby has filled out the unexpired time. Thirty-two have professed faith in Christ.

Scarborough, D. H. Gibson, pastor. This circuit has eight preaching places, six Sunday Schools with 300 scholars; 16 conversions, 8 additions to the church; large increase in church literature; people spiritual; pastor faithful.

Rutledge Circuit, S. V. Lowe, pastor. This work has had a very good year. There has been nine conversions and the finances better than for several years. A large amount of church literature has been disseminated in the bounds of this work during the past year. The pastor has been faithful in his work and very studious.

LaFollette, G. M. Stout, pastor. I regard this charge, at this time, one of the most important in the district. LaFollette is a rapidly growing town of some two thousand people. We have a lot and part of the material on hand for a new church building at this place. There have been 17 conversions; 34 accessions to the church. The finances have grown steadily better for the past three years. The pastor has been tireless in his efforts in looking after all the interests of the church.

Sunbright, J. C. Harmon, pastor. This is a good circuit, with a good pastor. Steady, faithful, work has been done and a good report will be made.

Tazewell Circuit, A. Y. Snavely has faithfully served this charge. This is a work with nine preaching places, six Sunday Schools, all doing well. There have been 34 conversions, 28 additions to the church. The pastor has been earnest and constant in his work and good results have followed his toils.

W'ell Spring, W. S. Brackney, pastor. Part of the pastor's report at the District Conference in July, ran thus: "My pastoral labors have been as follows: Sermons preached, 122; prayer meetings attended, 41; burials, 16; baptized 16 adults, 8 infants, making 24 in all; enrolled as probationers, 28; received into full connection 9; with assistance, conducted eight weeks

of special revival meetings, and witnessed 37 professions of saving faith; have paid 550 pastoral visits, 100 of which have been to the sick. In performance of these labors have traveled by private conveyance 1,600 miles; have obtained 25 new subscribers to the *Methodist Advocate Journal*.

The Clinton District has had the most prosperous year that it has had since I have been connected with it. There have been 651 conversions, about 400 accessions to the church. There has been a large exodus from this territory to the West and other parts of the country, so that a decrease in membership may appear. It is in these rural sections, as a rule, the men and women are converted and receive their early religious impressions that go to make up much of the strength and energy of our town and city churches, both in pulpit and pew. Newcombe charge has lettered away more members than it had two years ago. Jellico has dismissed 34 and still made a gain. One church lost 27 members at one time by emigration, one circuit about 150 members.

The district has never had a year that would compare with this in the circulation of the church literature. The benevolent collections, I believe, will foot up more than ever before in the history of the district.

Powell's Valley Seminary, at Well Spring, has a large enrollment; an able corps of teachers and is doing great things for the people of the territory where it is located.

The League work in this section has never been very prosperous. We have some good Leagues and a limited number of excellent League workers, but in the country place the membership is too much scattered and there are too few capable leaders for this work to prosper very greatly.

During the past Conference year I have held 62 Quarterly meetings in person, giving, as a rule, two days to each meeting.

This closes my term of 6 years on the District. Of the 65 churches in the district, 16 have been added in the past six years; of the forty-nine thousand dollars worth of church property, twelve thousand has come to us during the same period. I believe the greatest need of the work is a baptism of the Holy Ghost on the preachers and people. This would do very much to remove all other difficulties. I leave the work and workers in the hands of a merciful and loving God, praying his choicest blessings upon all.

J. D. ROBERSON, P. E.

MEMOIRS.

NANNIE LONG MCGEE.

Nannie Long McGee was born in McMinn County, Tennessee, February 8, 1853, and died March 13, 1901. On October 4, 1877, she was united

in marriage to Rev. J. W. McGee, of the Holston Conference. Of this union there were born five children, two sons and three daughters. One of the daughters preceded the mother to the spirit world about three years.

Sister McGee was the daughter of the Rev. W. R. Long, of the Holston Conference, a faithful minister of Jesus Christ. Rev. Carrol Long, Jr., a brother, was also a member of Holston Conference, and for a number of years a successful missionary in Japan.

Sister McGee dedicated herself to God at the tender age of seven years, and in all her after life gave evidence of the genuineness of her conversion. In her relation as the wife of an itinerant Methodist preacher she was true and faithful, and it affords the writer pleasure to bear testimony to the fact that her bearing and spirit were truly helpful to her now sorrow-stricken companion in the duties and responsibilities of an itinerant Methodist preacher.

Her fatal illness was of short duration; soon after being stricken down she seemed conscious that the end was near, and to her children and husband she gave most tender and positive assurance of faith, love and victory. She had lived in Wildwood, Little River charge, where her death occurred, only about four months, but it is gratifying to state, that in this brief time she had asserted her Christian character in a manner quite helpful to the interests of the Church and community. Her death illustrated most forcibly the utterance of the Psalmist: "Mark the perfect man; behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace." Nearing the end, the clouds seemed to rift, affording her glimpses of the "unclouded day," causing her, when failing nature was almost exhausted, to attempt the crossing with song in the use of such hymns as "Just as I am Without One Plea," "Gathering Home," and "Meet Me There." May the members of her family, each with hands in the hand of the loving, living Christ, realize that the song sung by the mother at the parting, "Meet Me There," was both a prayer and a prophesy, the one answered and the other fulfilled in the land of which it is said write, "there shall be no more death."

WILLIAM ADDISON SPENCER.

While our brother, whose name we have just announced, was not one of us in Conference relations, yet, he was so fully the property of the Church that we feel that mention of his name should be made at this hour. He had been prominent, before the Church at large so long, that few men were better known in our Zion.

As a pastor and presiding elder he had those qualifications which made him a rare success. Genial, hearty, approachable, and sympathetic, these elements made him a friend-maker, and most wonderfully adapted him to the important places he was called to fill. His work on circuits, stations or districts always left them in a better condition. In the most emphatic sense he was a revivalist. When called to the work of the Board of Church

Extension, he developed rare ability both as assistant and as corresponding secretary. He held these relations for 16 years. In this long service he was zealous and unwearying. He was always a welcome visitor to our Conferences. It was a surprise to the whole Church to hear of his death, since none had heard that he was ill. He attended some of the Fall Conferences, and came duely to the Erie Conference, where he spoke at Union City, Pa., Saturday, September 11th. It was found that he was seriously ill, and Bishop Goodsell insisted upon his returning to his home in Philadelphia. He grew worse and on Thursday, the 26th, he was not, for God had taken him. We mourn him as an honored Church official, a loving brother and true friend.

"Out of a wild world dark and cold,
He has passed to a city whose streets are gold."

L. B. CALDWELL.

WILLIAM D. GORMAN.

Rev. William D. Gorman was born in Virginia, came to Tennessee in 1874, and died at Oliver Springs, Tenn., April 5th, 1901. The exact date of his birth is unknown to us, but he was about 60 years of age at the time of his death.

He was not a member of this Conference, but was licensed as a local preacher in the Greeneville District about the year 1880, and later was ordained as a Deacon.

He was gifted as a singer, especially in his earlier life, and the first known of him in Tennessee was his singing at the old Turkey Town camp meetings in Carter county.

From 1886 to the time of his death he did efficient work as a supply in the Clinton District. During this period he supplied the following charges: Andersonville, Deer Lodge, Sunbright, New River, and Oliver Springs. He was known as the "church builder," and, although a cripple, he often led his people into the forest and took part in felling and preparing the timber for houses of worship. His genial, happy disposition gave him easy access to the hearts and homes of the people he served, and they gladly followed his leadership in the work of the church. Brother Gorman was a member of several benevolent orders, and, while he had only the income of a Methodist preacher on a poor circuit, his generosity brought gladness to hearts wherever he went.

We cherish his memory. The good that he did lives after him.

MRS. ELIZABETH ELLIOTT SPENCE.

With sadness and yet with gladness I come to speak of a beautiful Christian character and to pay a fitting tribute of respect to her precious

memory. Mrs. Elizabeth Elliott Spence, third daughter of the Hon. William Carey, of Jacksboro, Tenn., and the beloved wife of the Rev. Dr. John F. Spence, departed this life for the larger, the immortal life of God, May 17th, 1901, in the 61st year of her age. She lived in stirring, nation building, spacious times, and nobly did she play her part, sharing in the burdens and sorrows, the dangers, defeats and victories which came to the loyal families in the war-riven south. From the Rogersville Female College she graduated in the Classical Course in 1860. At that date the clouds hung low in the national sky, but the fires of patriotism burned brightly in her heart and with intelligent devotion she consecrated her talents to the cause of the Union. During that dreadful time, in company with another lady, she rode on horseback through the Confederate lines and crossing the Cumberland Mountains, conveyed important dispatches from the Union forces in Tennessee to the Federal army in Kentucky.

When the clouds rolled away, brighter days dawned. In August, 1865, she was married to the Rev. John F. Spence, D. D. Of the blessed saving influence of woman Ruskin has said: "There may be no roof above her but the stars, no fire to warm her but the light of the glow-worm in the wet grass at her feet, but wherever she is there is home." For thirty-six years Mrs. Spence was the home-maker, the loving wife, the affectionate Christian mother. She belonged for many years to the First Methodist Episcopal Church at Knoxville, and twice it was my joy to be her pastor. As a Christian woman with a nature as fine as silk, intelligent and full of love for her blessed Lord and redeemer, her influence was uplifting, sweetening and strengthening. I think of her as I knew her in those days and bear gladly this tribute of respect to her strength of character, consecrated devotion to the forces which make for righteousness, and to all influences, religious and social, which gave tone and vigor to the human life around her. For three long years this Christian lady suffered in patience from nervous prostration, but at last the worn out, sensitive frame succumbed, and the gentle spirit went to its eternal rest. The Lord Jesus is glorified in the death of his saints for this is their hour of triumph. O death, where is thy sting, O grave, where is thy victory! But thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Green be her memory as the grass on the pleasant hills and long may her example live in the lives of the many who mourn at her departure. Her day did not die in gloom, but rather like the star of the morning with soulful trust in God, as her Father in Christ as her Redeemer, and in the Holy Spirit as her comforter she passed into the brighter glory of high noon. With Mrs. B. Booth she could say, "I am not going under, I am going over. The waters are rising, but so am I."

R. J. COOKE.



MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS.

Athens District—

Ducktown	\$ 100 00
Erie	30 00
Kingston	90 00
Madisonville	80 00
	<hr/> \$ 300 00

Chattanooga District—

Alton Park	\$ 60 00
Avondale	20 00
Epworth	20 00
Hill City	30 00
Ridgedale	60 00
Sherman Heights	60 00
Tabernacle	40 00
Crossville	40 00
Dayton and Vine Grove	40 00
Graysville	20 00
Jasper	40 00
Morgan Springs	20 00
Pikeville	40 00
Rockwood	20 00
South Pittsburg	60 00
Tracy City	40 00
Victoria	30 00
	<hr/> \$ 640 00

Clinton District—

Andersonville	\$ 20 00
Big Valley	20 00
Clinton	40 00
Deer Lodge	30 00
Elk Valley	20 00
Jamestown	30 00
Jellico Circuit	20 00
LaFollette	100 00
Maynardville	40 00
Rutledge	20 00
Shawanee	40 00
Tazewell	20 00
	<hr/> \$ 400 00

Greeneville District—

Johnson City Circuit	\$ 100 00
Parrottville	50 00
Whitehorn	100 00
Sneedville	20 00
	<hr/> \$ 270 00

Knoxville District—

East Main Street	\$ 200 00
Lonsdale	100 00
Elm Grove and Jones' Church	150 00
Morristown	40 00
	<hr/> \$ 490 00

Total\$2,100 00

STATISTICS No. 1.—ATHENS DISTRICT, HOLSTON CONFERENCE, FOR 1901.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Membership				B'ptisms				Sun. Schools.			Church Property				
	No. Probationers	No. of Full Members	No. of Local Preachers	No. of Deaths	No. of Children Baptized	No. of Adults Baptized	No. of Schools	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars	No. of Churches	Probable Value	No. Parsonages	Probable Value	Paid for Building Churches and Parsonages	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Church Property	Present Indebtedness on Church Property
Athens	20	159	2	6	6	14	2	30	200	1	\$ 3,500	..	\$ .	..	..	\$ .
Athens Circuit	42	493	1	4	4	16	10	40	375	10	3,000	..	..	30	..	..
Chatata	13	245	..	3	..	10	5	30	300	7	4,200	1	700	..	..	..
Cleveland	2	200	2	..	5	3	1	15	150	1	2,000	1	600	25	..	..
Cleveland Circuit	3	394	5	5	1	1	5	30	150	11	5,000	..	..	300	..	..
Decatur	35	455	..	8	..	1	5	28	245	6	3,500	1	250	..	..	..
Ducktown	11	59	..	1	1	1	2	12	105	3	1,900	..	..	50	..	..
Ebenezer and Lenoir	32	512	3	8	..	11	5	40	300	8	6,600	1	350	695	..	41
Erie	15	300	1	3	..	2	4	15	175	8	3,000	..	..	..	..	..
Kingston	2	72	..	2	..	..	1	11	96	1	600	1	700	25	6	..
London	7	313	1	3	3	27	6	34	200	4	4,600	1	800	550	5	..
Madisonville	20	165	6	6	2	3	3	11	80	1	2,200	1	500	30	21	..
Maryville	2	253	1	2	7	15	1	17	211	1	7,000	..	..	..	..	..
Maryville Circuit	21	438	1	4	4	6	9	65	350	8	5,200	..	..	550	..	150
Total	225	4058	23	55	23	107	59	378	2337	75	\$ 52,800	71	\$ 3,900	\$ 2,255	\$ 42	\$ 191

STATISTICS No. 1.—CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT, HOLSTON CONFERENCE, FOR 1901.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Membership				B'ptisms			Sun. Schools.			Church Property					
	No. Probationers	No. of Full Members	No. of Local Preachers	No. of Deaths	No. of Children Baptized	No. of Adults Baptized	No. of Schools	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars	No. of Churches	Probable Value	No. Parsonages	Probable Value	Paid for Building Churches and Improvements	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Church Property	Present Indebtedness on Church Property
Alton Park	7	30	..	..	..	1	1	10	70	1	\$ 1,200	1	\$ 400	\$ 29	\$ 53	\$..
Avondale and Sherman Heights..	20	151	1	1	1	1	2	20	..	2	3,500	1	600	2,300	..	..
Crossville	..	192	2	5	10	12	5	20	200	1	300	1	200	30	..	..
Daisy	13	310	3	7	..	10	6	31	492	5	2,700	2	800	130	..	..
Dayton and Vine Grove..	18	135	..	6	8	10	2	17	183	2	5,000	1	300	60	..	..
Epworth	6	29	..	..	..	..	1	15	75	..	..	..	..	400	..	..
First Church	68	700	..	5	4	20	1	62	531	1	65,000	1	6,000	500	..	..
Graysville	8	279	1	1	..	..	6	49	310	9	3,700	..	..	20	..	..
Harriman	..	84	3	2	1	..	1	..	..	1	3,000	..	..	..	..	..
Highland Park	5	150	2	..	8	..	1	21	160	1	2,500	..	..	761	..	..
Hill City	24	64	5	2	8	3	1	13	90	1	2,800	1	1,500	100	400	..
Morgan Springs	43	163	1	5	5	32	8	54	287	2	1,000	..	..	695	..	..
Jasper	15	400	1	5	2	40	5	50	350	5	3,200	..	..	..	..	..
Pikeville	7	168	..	..	..	4	5	37	190	4	2,600	..	..	92	..	..
Rockwood & Spring City	21	147	..	..	1	3	3	30	155	3	4,700	..	..	108	..	..
South Pittsburg	11	163	2	..	5	10	3	16	140	3	4,400	..	..	665	500	..
Ridgedale	..	56	..	..	4	3	1	..	..	1	3,500	..	..	150	926	900
Tabernacle	3	15	1	1	..	..	2	12	120	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tracy City	24	236	5	1	8	21	2	17	44	5	1,000	..	..	..	..	..
Total	293	3472	27	42	51	170	56	454	3397	44	\$110,100	8	\$ 9,800	\$ 6,040	\$ 1,879	\$ 900

STATISTICS No. 1.—GREENEVILLE DISTRICT, HOLSTON CONFERENCE, FOR 1901.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Membership				B'tisms			Sun. Schools.			Church Property					
	No. Probationers	No. of Full Members	No. of Local Preachers	No. of Deaths	No. of Children Baptized	No. of Adults Baptized	No. of Schools	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars	No. of Churches	Probable Value	No. Parsonages	Probable Value	Paid for Building Churches and Parsonages	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Church Property	Present Indebtedness on Church Property
Bloomington	25	500	1	8	2	8	9	25	300	5	\$ 6,500	1	\$ 1,000	\$	\$	88
Butler Circuit	5	175		4	46	13	8	58	50	8	2,200			80		2
Chucky City	42	577	6	11	2	2	3	25	230	3	11,800	1	1,000	988		67
Elizabethon	18	265	1	3	2	10	7	56	280	7	4,000			50		
Fall Branch	20	611	5	7	7	25	1	15	150	1	10,500			200		
Greeneville Station	15	160	1	2	73	27	8	48	600	8	7,000	1	2,500	25		200
Greeneville Circuit	32	632	1	10	4	4	2	31	140	1	3,500	1	1,800	500	20	
Johnson City Station	4	237		7	4	17	4	16	160	5	3,000			20	260	
Johnson City Circuit	23	305	2	4	3	80	3	12	150	4	4,000	1	1,000	1,200		80
Jonesboro Circuit	50	400		6	3		4	36	250	4	4,900	1	800	100	70	100
Mountain City	21	369	1	3		30	6	30	150	5	2,000	1	300	500		
Newport Circuit	20	320	2	5		40	8	48	420	6	4,400	1	500	30		
Oakland Circuit	20	450	3	10	10	20	5	25	750	4	4,200	1	500	125		
Parrottville	60	530	2	5		20	5	20	225	4	1,500					
Sneedville	1	280	2	7	1	20	5	16	150	7	4,000			10		
Surgoinsville Circuit	10	333	1	3		7	4	16	150	4	4,000	1	250	50		
Watauga Circuit	20	280	2	4	2	20	3	20	150	4	4,000					
White Horn Circuit	12	188		6			3	25	231	3	2,500					
Total	398	6612	29	101	157	317	80	512	4394	82	\$ 84,000	10	\$ 9,650	\$ 3,888	\$ 350	\$ 535

STATISTICS NO. 1.—KNOXVILLE DISTRICT, HOLSTON CONFERENCE, FOR 1901.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Membership				B'tisms			Sun. Schools.			Church Property					
	No. Probationers	No. of Full Members	No. of Local Preachers	No. of Deaths	No. of Children Baptized	No. of Adults Baptized	No. of Schools	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars	No. of Churches	Probable Value	No. Parsonages	Probable Value	Paid for Building Churches and Parsonages	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Church Property	Present Indebtedness on Church Property
Dandridge	385	2	3	10	54	6	75	375	6	9	\$ 5,400	1	\$	\$	\$	\$
Elm Grove and Jones' Chapel	12	3	10	7	8	2	16	140	2	2	4,000	2	4,000	1,200	364	9,225
Fair Garden	30	650	3	10	5	9	50	540	9	9	9,000	1	9,000	300	50	50
Holston	10	192	5	7	41	6	28	200	6	6	2,200	1	7,000	75	50	50
Knoxville, Asylum St.	7	200	3	2	4	6	19	175	1	1	2,000	1	1,500	126	364	9,225
East Main Street	39	2	2	2	1	1	10	75	1	1	2,000	1	60,000	67	50	50
First Church	80	512	3	10	14	1	29	408	1	1	6,000	1	4,000	20	50	50
Luttrell Street	10	275	1	1	17	1	25	251	1	1	4,000	1	600	95	20	20
Knoxville Circuit	14	211	1	2	3	14	3	20	186	4	4,000	1	300	100	50	50
Little River	10	340	1	4	29	4	27	225	5	5	6,000	1	300	100	50	50
Morristown	7	125	7	2	11	1	20	130	1	1	4,100	1	2,500	95	20	20
Morristown Circuit	10	217	4	3	12	3	32	179	4	4	3,800	1	200	100	50	50
New Salem	18	237	1	3	3	3	14	110	1	1	4,000	1	950	1,000	364	9,225
Newport	18	113	1	2	4	1	35	305	6	6	2,800	1	300	1,000	364	9,225
Pigeon Forge	62	270	4	6	40	5	40	5	40	7	8,000	1	300	1,000	364	9,225
Sevierville	20	500	6	6	40	20	36	240	65	65	4,500	1	4,500	3,033	414	9,295
Thorn Grove	32	334	1	5	20	6	36	240	357	357	135,300	7	\$ 4,200	\$ 3,033	\$ 414	\$ 9,295
Total	335	4749	28	69	28	315	50	451	3579	65	\$ 135,300	7	\$ 4,200	\$ 3,033	\$ 414	\$ 9,295
RECAPITULATION:																
Athens District	225	4058	23	55	23	107	59	378	2037	75	52,300	7	3,900	2,255	42	191
Chattanooga District	293	3472	27	42	51	170	56	454	3397	44	110,100	8	9,800	6,040	1,879	900
Clinton District	374	3370	32	45	37	161	62	365	3095	66	44,800	5	2,650	1,797	100	146
Greenville District	398	6612	29	101	157	317	80	512	4394	82	84,000	10	9,650	3,888	350	535
Knoxville District	335	4749	28	69	28	315	50	451	3579	65	135,300	7	4,200	3,033	414	9,295
Grand Totals	1625	22261	139	312	296	1070	307	2160	17402	332	\$ 426,500	37	\$ 30,200	\$ 17,013	\$ 2,785	\$ 11,067

STATISTICS No. 3.—ATHENS DISTRICT, HOLSTON CONFERENCE, FOR 1901.

NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	Pastor's Support				Support		Conference		Current Expenses	
		Claims		Receipts		P. Elders		Bishops	Total Sup't. Pastors, P. Elders and Bishops		
		Salary	House Rent	Total	House Rent	Am't Apportioned	Amount Paid				
		Deficiencies									
Athens	J. H. Amis	\$ 550	\$.	\$ 550	\$.	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 15	\$ 110	\$ 60
Athens Circuit	M. C. Bruner	400	400	400	400	50	44	50	5	30	35
Chatata	J. W. Cardwell	400	50	450	50	50	35	35	6	20	30
Cleveland	D. G. Pile	500	500	500	500	50	50	50	10	80	40
Cleveland Circuit	G. W. Coleman	400	206	206	194	45	41	45	6	15	15
Decatur	H. M. Hawk	275	25	300	100	45	36	45	10	32	32
Ducktown	T. R. West	400	400	400	100	45	45	45	10	25	12
Ebenezer & Lenoir	A. M. Rose	345	30	375	245	40	36	40	122	12	12
Erie	C. B. Myers	260	100	260	100	40	21	40	8	40	24
Kingston	T. G. Chase	350	50	400	400	40	40	40	3	15	10
London	W. S. Grant	150	25	175	25	50	44	33	5	20	6
Madisonville	W. H. Monroe	400	50	450	330	45	27	4	15	100	40
Maryville	J. J. Robinette	720	720	720	720	60	60	8	15	108	110
Maryville Circuit	W. B. Rippetoe	425	425	425	225	48	35	4	1	1	1
Total		5875	230	6105	4896	658	564	46	83	554	439

STATISTICS No. 3. CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT, HOLSTON CONFERENCE, FOR 1901.

NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR					Pastor's Support			Support			Support			Conference			Current Expenses
	Claims		Receipts		Deficiencies	P. Elders			Bishops		Total Sup't, Pastors, P. Elders and Bishops			Claimants				
	Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary		House Rent	Total	Am't Apportioned	Amount Paid	Am't Apportioned	Amount Paid	Total Sup't, Pastors, P. Elders and Bishops	Col'tns	Other Sources	Total			
NAME OF CHARGE	Alton Park	\$100	\$48	\$148	\$100	\$48	\$148	\$	\$12	\$1	\$1	\$150	\$	\$1	\$15	\$	\$15	
	E. M. Pippin	\$450	\$50	\$500	\$450	\$50	\$500	\$	\$35	\$5	\$5	\$540	\$4	\$	\$50	\$95	\$50	
	Avadale & Sher. Heights	\$270		\$270	\$270		\$270	\$	\$40	\$35	\$35	\$307	\$4	\$	\$10	\$20	\$20	
	Crossville	\$300	\$36	\$336	\$300	\$36	\$336	\$	\$32	\$2	\$2	\$370	\$	\$	\$150	\$	\$150	
	Daisy	\$380		\$380	\$380		\$380	\$	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$424	\$	\$	\$60	\$60	\$60	
	Dayton & Vine Grove	\$125		\$125	\$137		\$137	\$	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$147	\$	\$	\$125	\$60	\$60	
	Robert Walker	\$2100	\$400	\$2500	\$2100	\$400	\$2500	\$	\$350	\$25	\$25	\$2875	\$50	\$	\$50	\$3685	\$500	
	Epworth	\$300		\$300	\$300		\$300	\$	\$50	\$25	\$25	\$328	\$5	\$	\$5	\$10	\$40	
	First Church	\$430		\$430	\$430		\$430	\$	\$48	\$48	\$48	\$482	\$5	\$	\$5	\$159	\$30	
	Grayville	\$600		\$600	\$600		\$600	\$	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$668	\$12	\$	\$12	\$80	\$110	
	Harrison	\$120		\$120	\$120		\$120	\$	\$24	\$24	\$24	\$556	\$4	\$	\$4	\$47	\$57	
	Highland Park	\$150		\$150	\$152		\$152	\$	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$172	\$2	\$	\$2	\$	\$	
	Hill City	\$400		\$400	\$400		\$400	\$	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$445	\$5	\$	\$5	\$10	\$60	
	Morgan Springs	\$245		\$245	\$245		\$245	\$	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$287	\$2	\$	\$2	\$	\$	
	Jasper	\$500		\$500	\$500		\$500	\$	\$48	\$49	\$49	\$553	\$6	\$	\$6	\$	\$	
	W. C. Wheeler	\$470		\$470	\$470		\$470	\$	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$512	\$5	\$	\$5	\$84	\$24	
A. J. Murphy	\$400		\$400	\$400		\$400	\$	\$10	\$5	\$5	\$405	\$	\$	\$	\$7	\$24		
Pikeville	\$50		\$50	\$60		\$60	\$	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$70	\$	\$	\$	\$12	\$35		
Rockwood & Spring City	\$90		\$90	\$90		\$90	\$	\$20	\$15	\$15	\$105	\$	\$	\$	\$25	\$20		
Erwin Omohundro																		
Roy A. Simonds																		
South Pittsburg																		
Ridgedale																		
Tabernacle																		
Tracy City																		
Total	7760	654	8414	7794	654	8448		929	879	69	9396	110	4529	1111				

STATISTICS No. 3.—KNOXVILLE DISTRICT, HOLSTON CONFERENCE, FOR 1901.

NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	Pastor's Support				Support		Support		Conference		Current Expenses
		Claims		Receipts		Deficiencies	P. Elders	Bishops	Total Sup't, Pastors, P. Elders and Bishops	Claimants	Total	
		Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary								House Rent	Am't Apportioned	Amount Paid	Col'ns	Other Sources	Rel' F'm
Dandridge	J. J. Henley	\$ 385	\$ 36	\$ 421	\$ 280	\$ 141	\$ 54	\$ 44	\$ 1	\$ 325	\$ 3	\$ 125
Elm Grove & Jones' Chap.	M. A. Rule	350		350	148	202	32	32	2	182	3	3
Fair Garden	W. T. Senter	365		365	300	65	66	60	2	362	2	90
Holston	W. L. Norwood	235		235	200	35	30	30	5	235	3	50
Knoxville, Asylum St.	W. A. Saville	600	150	750	540	60	50	50	5	745	11	100
East Main St.	E. H. McLaughlin	450		450	200	250	25	11	2	213	5	20
First Church	C. M. Hall	1765	279	2044	1765	279	250	250	25	2319	40	1459
Luttrell Street	J. M. Melear	1100		1100	1100		50	50	5	1155	20	200
Knoxville Circuit	J. A. Baker	365		365	307	58	50	45	4	354	4	37
Little River	J. W. McGee	400	60	460	400	60	40	40	3	503	12	3
Morristown	B. M. Martin	520		520	520		40	40	7	567	15	123
Morristown Ct.	J. S. Strange	270	36	306	215	36	20	20	5	271	15	41
New Salem	P. H. Henry	350		350	253	253	32	30	7	288	8	30
Newport	R. L. Stapleton	431	69	500	431	69	40	40	4	542	6	115
Pigeon Forge	E. R. Branam	150		150	152		32	32	5	187		35
Sevierville	A. B. McKenzie	460		460	460		80	80	6	546		21
Thorn Grove	T. W. Brown	300	24	324	209	24	45	45	3	281	4	
Total		8196	654	9150	7480	618	926	889	102	9075	123	2370
RECAPITULATION:												
Athens District		5875	230	6105	4896	230	658	564	48	5727	83	554
Chattanooga Dis.		7766	644	8410	7814	654	903	875	69	9054	108	4489
Clinton District		4070	174	4244	3287	152	391	408	18	3864	40	288
Greeneville Dis.		6607	625	7235	6015	618	605	635	20	7115	74	657
Knoxville District		8496	654	9150	7480	618	926	889	102	9075	123	2370
Grand Totals		32808	2327	35158	29492	2272	31669	3385	257	34835	428	8358
Increase												

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STATISTICS No. 4.--ATHENS DISTRICT, HOLSTON CONFERENCE, FOR 1901.

BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Missions		Board of Church Extension	Sunday School Union	Tract Society	Freedman's Aid & South'n Edu. So.	Education		American Bible Society	Woman's Foreign Miss'y Society	Woman's Home Miss'y Society	Total Other Benefolent Collections	General Conference Expenses	Conference Claimants	Episcopal Fund	Total
	(a) Church	(b) Sun. School	Total				(a) Public Educational Coll.	(b) Children's Fund								
Athens	\$ 35	\$ 33	\$ 68	\$ 17	\$ 12	\$ 13	\$ 2	\$ 5	\$ 1	\$ 92	\$ 33	\$ 87	\$.	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 259
Athens Circuit	30	30	60	14	11	3	2	3	1	92	33	87	1	15	15	50
Chatata	14	14	28	10	10	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	29
Cleveland	10	20	30	10	10	10	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	70
Cleveland Circuit	22	22	44	10	10	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	45
Decatur	3	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8
Ducktown	20	5	25	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	44
Ebenezer and Lenoir	1	4	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9
Erie	12	12	24	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14
Kingston	30	10	40	8	1	10	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	78
London	15	15	30	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	27
Madisonville	17	11	28	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	17
Maryville	88	12	100	15	2	25	10	1	1	96	1	87	1	15	1	300
Maryville Circuit	10	10	20	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	16
Total	301	85	386	66	12	88	24	11	10	66	88	89	2	78	37	966

STATISTICS No. 4.—CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT, HOLSTON CONFERENCE, FOR 1901.

BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.

NAMES OF CHARGES.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Missions			Board of Church Extension	Sunday School Union	Tract Society	Freedman's Aid & South'n Edu. So.	Education		American Bible Society	Woman's Foreign Miss'y Society	Woman's Home Miss'y Society	Total Other Benevolent Collections	General Conference Expenses	Conference Claimants	Episcopal Fund	Total
	(a) Church	(b) Sun. School	Total														
Alton Park	10	5	10	10	51	33	1204	104	58	25	273	1	318	117	69	335	
Avondale and Sherman Heights	26	14	40	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Crossville	24	1	25	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Daisy	25	5	30	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Dayton and Vine Grove	24	16	40	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Epworth	4	6	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
First Church	302	118	420	70	10	10	10	100	25	5	235	1	272	50	10	25	228
Graysville	35	35	70	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Harriman	52	13	65	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Highland Park	35	40	75	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Hill City	5	15	20	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Morgan Springs	10	10	20	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Jasper	25	10	35	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Pikeville	15	10	25	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Rockwood and Spring City	5	25	30	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
South Pittsburg	20	5	25	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Ridgedale	5	5	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Tabernacle	5	5	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Tracy City	10	10	20	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Total	627	293	920	175	54	33	1204	104	58	25	273	1	318	117	69	335	

STATISTICS No. 4.--CLINTON DISTRICT, HOLSTON CONFERENCE, FOR 1901.

BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Missions		Board of Church Extension		Sunday School Union		Tract Society		Freedman's Aid & South'n Edu. So.		Education		American Bible Society		Woman's Foreign Missy's Society		Woman's Home Missy's Society		Total Other Benevolent Collections		General Conference Expenses		Conference Claimants		Episcopal Fund		Total	
	(a) Church	(b) Sun. School	Total		Ch	Ex	Sch	Un	Soc	Tr	F	S	(a) Public Educa'l Coll	(b) Children's Fund	Ch	Ms	Wm	Ms	Tot	Gn	Cn	Cm	Epi	Tot				
			Ch	Ex																								
Andersonville	149	13	162	31	7	6	19	6	17	7	2	2	3	2	389	16	319											
Big Valley	15	15	30	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Clinton Station	20	20	40	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
Deer Lodge	12	12	24	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Jamestown	13	13	26	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
Jellico Station	16	16	32	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16
Jellico Circuit	13	13	26	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
LaFollette	16	16	32	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16
Maynardville	15	15	30	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
Newcomb	15	15	30	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
New River	15	15	30	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
Oliver Springs	15	15	30	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
Rutledge	10	10	20	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Scarboro	10	10	20	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Sunbright	15	15	30	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
Tazewell	15	15	30	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
Well Spring	15	15	30	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
Total	149	13	162	31	7	6	19	6	17	7	2	2	3	2	389	16	319											

STATISTICS No. 4.—GREENEVILLE DISTRICT, HOLSTON CONFERENCE, FOR 1901.

BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Missions			Board of Church Extension	Sunday School Union	Tract Society	Freedman's Aid & South'n Edu. So.	Education		Woman's Foreign Society	Missy's Society	Woman's Home Missy Society	Total Other Benevolent Collections	General Conference Expenses	Conference Claimants	Episcopal Fund	Total
	(a) Church	(b) Sun. School	Total					(a) Public Educational Coll	(b) Children's Fund								
Bloomington	14	1	15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15
Butler Circuit	12	1	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13
Chucky City	10	10	20	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	20
Elizabethon	30	25	55	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	25
Fall Branch	20	10	30	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	30
Greeneville Station	25	25	50	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	50
Greeneville Circuit	29	37	66	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	66
Johnson City Station	10	10	20	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20
Johnson City Circuit	5	5	10	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	10
Jonesboro Circuit	14	14	28	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	28
Mountain City	6	3	9	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	9
Newport Circuit	50	50	100	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	100
Oakland Circuit	10	10	20	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	20
Parrottville	5	5	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
Sneedville	15	15	30	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	30
Surgoinville	11	11	22	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	22
Watauga Circuit	11	11	22	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	22
White Horn	11	11	22	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	22
Total	266	83	349	63	11	13	41	14	28	11	27	36	17	1	78	36	678

STATISTICS NO. 4.-KNOXVILLE DISTRICT, HOLSTON CONFERENCE, FOR 1901.

BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Missions			Board of Church Extension	Sunday School Union	Tract Society	Freedman's Aid & Southern Edu. So.	Education		American Bible Society	Woman's Foreign Missions Society	Woman's Home Missions Society	Total Other Benevolent Collections	General Conference Expenses	Conference Claimants	Episcopal Fund	Total
	(a) Church	(b) Sun. School	Total					(a) Public Educational Coll.	(b) Children's Fund								
Dandridge	15	5	20	15	1	1	15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	17
Elm Grove and Jones' Chapel	10	5	15	10	1	1	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	35
Fair Garden	10	10	20	10	1	1	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	22
Holston Circuit	14	10	24	14	1	1	14	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	31
Knoxville, Asylum Street	9	4	13	9	1	1	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	18
East Main Street	4	1	5	4	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11
First Church	340	115	455	340	5	5	340	15	10	10	113	40	394	1	40	25	1167
Luttrell Street	80	30	110	80	1	1	80	10	10	12	60	1	50	1	20	5	305
Knoxville Circuit	16	16	32	16	1	1	16	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	28
Little River	25	25	50	25	1	1	25	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	40
Morristown	42	8	50	42	1	1	42	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
Morristown Circuit	6	6	12	6	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
New Salem	20	20	40	20	1	1	20	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	40
Newport	33	13	46	33	1	1	33	2	2	1	4	11	61	2	6	2	136
Pigeon Forge	6	6	12	6	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9
Sevierville	10	10	20	10	2	2	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20
Thorn Grove	10	20	30	10	1	1	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	30
Total	640	196	836	640	93	16	97	36	38	17	188	54	1687	3	123	78	3278
RECAPITULATION:																	
Athens District	301	85	386	301	66	12	88	24	14	10	66	88	89	2	78	37	966
Chattanooga District	627	292	920	627	175	54	1204	104	58	25	273	1	318	1	117	69	3351
Clinton District	149	13	162	149	31	7	19	6	17	7	2	2	3	2	39	16	319
Greeneville District	266	83	349	266	63	11	41	14	28	11	27	36	17	1	78	36	678
Knoxville District	640	196	836	640	93	16	97	36	38	17	188	54	1687	3	123	78	3278
Grand Totals	1983	693	2648	1983	428	100	791	184	152	70	556	181	2114	8	435	230	8592

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